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PREFACE.

The Northern Ireland Rules Publication Act, 1925 (15 & 16 Geo. 5 (N.I.), c. 6), which provides for the publication and sale of statutory rules applies (Section 2) to rules " made under any Act (whether passed by the Parliament of Northern Ireland or by the Parliament of the United Kingdom) by a rule making authority, as therein defined, and relating to any matter in respect of which the Parliament of Northern Ireland has power to make laws."

Section 2 (3) enacts that every exercise by a rule-making authority of a statutory power which is of a legislative character shall be held to be a statutory rule.

Section 6 (3) directs that Annual Volumes containing the Statutory Rules made since the twenty-first day of November, nineteen hundred and twenty-one, but before the passing of the Act [9th June, 1925] shall be prepared and published in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

Regulations contained in the Schedule to the Act prescribe that an annual volume of statutory rules shall be prepared and published, that in the annual volume a distinction shall be made between statutory rules which are general and those which are local, that the general rules shall be printed at length, and that lists shall be included of the local rules.

These regulations further provide that the general rules shall be grouped under an alphabetically arranged series of headings of law, as far as possible identical with headings adopted for an Index to the Statutes in force in Northern Ireland.

The present volume is the second of the series prepared in obedience to the Act of 1925. It is issued by the authority of His Majesty's Government for Northern Ireland and under the direction of the Statute Law Committee.

Such temporary statutory rules as have ceased to be in force at the time of publication of the Annual Volume have been excluded from publication (See Act 1925, sch., Art. 8), and no purely executive orders are included. At the end of the volume a classified list is given of the Orders of a local character made in Northern Ireland during the year 1923. In addition to the general index a Table is printed shewing the Statutory Rule and Order legislation for the year made by each rule making authority in Northern Ireland.

For convenience of reference a list is included of Statutory Rules and Orders affecting Northern Ireland made during the year 1923 by Imperial rule making authorities, and in particular, Adaptation of Enactments Orders and Orders dealing with " reserved " matters. These Orders will be found *in extenso* in the volume of United Kingdom Statutory Rules and Orders for that year.

This Volume is edited by the Editor of Northern Ireland Statutes and Statutory Rules and Orders, Mr. T. Henry Maxwell, K.C.

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THE STATUTORY RULES AND ORDERS OF A GENERAL CHARACTER ISSUED IN 1923.

ALLEGIANCE

Members of Local Authorities.

ORDER MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1922, 12 & 13 GEO. 5 (N.I.), c, 16.

1923. No. 64.

WHEREAS, by sub-section (1) of section 5 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland), 1922 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act"), it is enacted as follows :—

> "A person elected or chosen as a member of a local authority shall be deemed not to have accepted office, and his office shall be deemed to be vacant, unless within the time required by law for making and subscribing a declaration of acceptance of office, or, where no declaration of acceptance of office is so required, within one month after he has been elected or chosen, he has made and subscribed the declaration of allegiance prescribed in Part III of the Schedule to the Act ; and no person shall be deemed to have been validly appointed as a member of any committee or joint committee wholly or partly appointed by a local authority unless he has within one month of his appointment made and subscribed the said declaration of allegiance."

And whereas by sub-section (1) of section 8 of the Act it is enacted as follows :—

> "The expression 'local authority' means the council of any county, borough, urban or rural district, a board of guardians, and the commissioners of any town."

And Whereas by sub-section (1) of section 7 of the Act it is provided that the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland may make such orders as appear to it to be necessary or proper for giving full effect to the Act :

Now therefore the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland, in exercise of all powers in that behalf enabling the Ministry, hereby orders and directs as follows, that is to say :—

(1) Every person elected or chosen as a member of a local authority or appointed as a member of any committee or joint-committee wholly or partly appointed by a local authority, shall within the time prescribed by sub-section (1) of section 5 of the Act make and subscribe the declaration of allegiance prescribed in Part III of the Schedule to the Act before the Secretary or Clerk to the local authority or committee or joint-committee as the case may be. In the event of illness, absence or incapacity of such Secretary or Clerk the declaration of allegiance shall be made and subscribed before his deputy, provided always that such deputy has already made the declaration of allegiance in the prescribed manner.

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(2) The declaration of allegiance made and subscribed by every person pursuant to sub-section (1) of section 5 of the Act, shall be filed, and deposited in the office of the local authority or committee or joint-committee, as the case may be.

(3) The Secretary or Clerk of every local authority or committee or joint-committee, wholly or partly appointed by a local authority, shall, within seven days after the expiration of the period prescribed for the making of the declaration of allegiance as aforesaid, furnish to the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland, in the appropriate form set out in the Schedule to this Order, or in a form to the like effect, a certificate showing whether or not each person elected or chosen or appointed to be a member of the local authority or committee or joint-committee, as the case may be, has made and subscribed the declaration of allegiance within the prescribed time and in the prescribed manner.

Given under the Seal of Office of the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland this Sixth day of January, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-three.*

(L.S.) (Signed) *S. Watt.*

*See S. R. & O. No. 65, p. 4, post.

Schedule.

(1)

Name of Local Authority.....

I hereby certify that the persons whose names and places of abode are set out in the following Schedule were elected or chosen to be members of the*.....

.....

* Insert name of local authority.

on the date specified in column 3 of the said Schedule, opposite to each such name, and that each person opposite whose name an entry of a date appears in column 4 of the said Schedule, has made and subscribed the declaration of allegiance directed by Section 5 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland), 1922, within the time prescribed by the said Section, and in the manner prescribed by the Order of the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland, bearing date the Sixth day of January, 1923.

Name in full of person elected or chosen. 1.	Place of Abode. 2.	Date of Election or choice. 3.	*Date on which declaration of allegiance was made and subscribed. 4.

* A special note should be made in column 4 opposite to the name of each person who has not made the declaration in the prescribed manner.

Signed .....

Secretary or Clerk to Local Authority.

Date.....

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Name of Committee or Joint Committee.....

.....

Appointed by* .....

* Insert name of local authority by whom Committee or Joint Committee was appointed.

I hereby certify that the persons whose names and places of abode are set out in the following Schedule were appointed to be members of the.....

.....on the date

Insert name of committee or joint committee.

specified in column 3 of the said Schedule, opposite to each such name, and that each person opposite whose name an entry of a date appears in column 4 of the said Schedule has made and subscribed the declaration of allegiance directed by Section 5 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland), 1922, within the time prescribed by the said Section, and in the manner prescribed by the Order of the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland, bearing date the 6th day of January, 1923.

Names in full of person appointed. 1.	Place of Abode. 2.	Date of Appointment. 3.	*Date on which declaration of allegiance was made and subscribed. 4.

* A special note should be made in column 4 opposite to the name of each person who has not made the declaratian in the prescribed manner.

Signed .....

Secretary or Clerk to Committee or Joint Committee.

Date.....

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Educational Committees and Sub-Committees.

ORDER MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS FOR NORTHERN IRELAND VARYING ORDERS OF 12TH SEPTEMBER, 1922, AND 6TH JANUARY, 1923, AS FAR AS THEY APPLY TO EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEES AND SUB-COMMITTEES.

1923. No. 65.

To the several Education Committees, Urban and County Technical Instruction Committees, and School Attendance Committees and their Officers in Northern Ireland ; and

To all others whom it may concern :

WHEREAS the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland by an Order under Seal bearing date the 12th day of September, 1922, did order and direct that the Declaration of Allegiance made and subscribed by officers of the aforesaid Committees or Joint-Committees be made in duplicate, and that the duplicate copy be forwarded to the said Ministry within seven days after it has been duly made and subscribed :

And Whereas the said Ministry of Home Affairs by a further Order bearing date the Sixth day of January, 1923, did order and direct that the secretary or clerk of every committee or joint-committee wholly or partly appointed by a local authority should, within seven days after the expiration of the period prescribed for the making of the Declaration of Allegiance, furnish to the said Ministry in the appropriate form set out in the Schedule to that Order, or in a form to like effect, a certificate showing whether or not each person elected or chosen or appointed to be a member of the committee or joint-committee, as the case may be, had made and subscribed the Declaration of Allegiance within the prescribed time and in the prescribed manner ;

And Whereas it appears to the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland necessary and proper that the said Orders should be varied in the manner hereinafter appearing ;

Now, therefore, the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland in exercise of all powers in that behalf enabling the Ministry hereby orders and directs that the said Orders bearing the dates the twelfth day of September, 1922, and the sixth day of January, 1923, as far as they apply to Educational Committees and Sub-Committees thereof already set up or to be hereafter set up in pursuance of the provisions of the Education Act (Northern Ireland), 1923, Technical Instruction Committees, and School Attendance Committees, shall be varied as hereinafter appearing, that is to say :—

The duplicate copy of the Declaration of Allegiance to be made by officers, and the certificate to be furnished by the Secretary or Clerk of a Committee or Joint-Committee relative to the making of the Declaration of Allegiance by persons elected, chosen, or appointed members of Committee, shall be forwarded to the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland, and not to the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland, as directed in the said Orders.

This Order shall come into force on the 1st day of January, 1924.

Given under the Seal of the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland this Twentieth day of December, 1923.

(L.S.) (Signed) *S. Watt.*

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COMPANIES
Reconstitution of Records.

REGULATIONS MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE OF NORTHERN IRELAND WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE OF NORTHERN IRELAND, PURSUANT TO SECTION 6 OF THE COMPANIES (RECONSTITUTION OF RECORDS) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1923.

1923. No. 37.

The scale of remuneration allowed to Solicitors or Professional Accountants for professional services in effecting compliance with the Act on behalf of a Company shall be as follows :—

	£	s.	d.
For preparing and lodging with the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies the statement on Form A, with copies of the Memorandum and Articles of Association and of any other documents required, and also producing for inspection the Certificate of Incorporation	1	1	0
For providing typed copies of Deeds of Settlement or Memorandum and Articles of Association in cases only where printed copies are not available .. Per folio of seventy-two words	0	0	6

Claims for remuneration should be made upon the prescribed form, to be obtained from the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies at his office, 13 Wellington Place, Belfast.

Given under the Official Seal of the Ministry of Commerce, this thirtieth day of July, 1923.

(L.S.) *G. H. E. Parr,*
Assistant Secretary.

DESTRUCTIVE INSECTS AND PESTS.
The Colorado Beetle.

MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER THE DESTRUCTIVE INSECTS AND PESTS ACTS, 1877 AND 1907.

1923. No. 66.

COMMENCEMENT.

1. This Order shall come into operation on the Sixth day of February, Nineteen Hundred and Twenty-three.

RESTRICTION ON IMPORTATION OF VEGETABLES AND PLANTS FROM FRANCE.

2.—(1) For the prevention of the introduction of the Colorado Beetle (*Leptinotarsa decemlineata*, Say) the landing in Northern Ireland of any living plants or vegetables shipped from any port in European France, whether consigned by direct shipment to ports in Northern Ireland or via Great Britain, is hereby prohibited unless the landing thereof is authorised by a licence issued by the Ministry or by an Inspector or other authorised officer, or the plants or vegetables are

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accompanied by a declaration purporting to be made by the grower or exporter thereof in the form prescribed in the Schedule to this Order. Such declaration shall be delivered to an officer of Customs at the same time and together with the entry relating to the consignment.

(2) Living plants or vegetables shipped from any port in European France and landed in Northern Ireland without such a licence or declaration as is prescribed in this Order shall be forthwith destroyed by and at the expense of the importer unless the plants or vegetables are authorised to be disposed of otherwise by a licence issued by the Ministry or by an Inspector or other authorised officer, and any person failing to comply with the provisions of this Article as to destruction or with the conditions (if any) imposed by such licence shall on summary conviction be liable to a penalty of ten pounds.

(3) In this Article the expression " living plants or vegetables " means trees and shrubs, tubers, bulbs and flower roots, raw vegetables, including potatoes, potato haulms and leaves, and tomatoes; " Ministry " means the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland; " Inspector " means an Inspector of the Ministry; and " Authorised Officer " means any person authorised by the Ministry.

(4) The restrictions hereby imposed shall not affect the requirements of the Destructive Insects and Pests (Northern Ireland), Order of 1922.

SHORT TITLE.

3. This Order may be cited as the Colorado Beetle (Northern Ireland) Order of 1923.

In witness whereof the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland is hereunto affixed this Sixth day of February, Nineteen Hundred and Twenty-three.

[L.S.] *James S. Gordon,*
Secretary.

SCHEDULE.

(ANNEXE—CERTIFICAT.)

I, ...

Le soussigné, ...

being the { grower / exporter } of the { living plants / vegetables } included in the consignment

le cultivateur / l'exportateur des { plantes vivantes / légumes } inclus dans l'envoi

described below, do hereby declare that none of these { living plants / vegetables } were

ci-dessous decrit, declare qu'aucun de ces { plantes vivantes / légumes } n'etait

grown in the Departments of { Gironde, Landes, Basses Pyrénées, Hautes Pyrénées Haute } produit dans les Departements de Garonne, Ariége, Aude, Gers, Tarn, Lot-et-Garonne, Tarn-et-Garonne, Aveyron, Lot, Dordogne, Corréze, Cantal, Puy de Dôme, Creuse, Haute Vienne, Charente, Charente Inférieure, Indre, Vienne, Deux Sévres, Vendée, Loire Inférieure, Maine-et-Loire, Indre-et-Loire $\frac{\text{or}}{\text{ou}}$ Lozére.

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ou

Signed .....

Signé

Date .....

Description of Consignment.
Description de l'envoi.

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No. and description of packages.
Nombre et description des colis.
Marks.
Marques distinctives.
Nature of Contents.
Nature du contenu.
Name and address of consignee.
Nom et adresse du destinataire.

Black Scab in Potatoes (No. 1).

ORDER OF THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND MADE UNDER THE DESTRUCTIVE INSECTS AND PESTS ACTS, 1877, AND 1907 (40 AND 41 VIC., C. 68, AND 7 EDW. 7, C. 4).

1923. No. 67.

Restriction on Movement of Potatoes out of District Scheduled by this Order.

1. Unless moved into the area already scheduled under the Black Scab in Potatoes (Northern Ireland), No. 3 Order of 1922, of the Ministry, potatoes shall not be moved out of the district mentioned in the schedule to the present Order, otherwise than in accordance with the conditions of a licence issued by an Inspector or authorised Officer of the said Ministry authorising such movement.

Disposal of Potatoes Moved in Contravention of the Order.

2. If any potatoes are moved in contravention of this Order, the Ministry or any Inspector or other authorised person may destroy or cause to be destroyed in such manner as the Ministry or the Inspector or the authorised person, as the case may be, thinks fit, the aforesaid potatoes and any packages in which the aforesaid potatoes are or have been contained, or may remove or cause to be removed any of the aforesaid potatoes and packages to such place and in such manner as the Ministry or any Inspector or other authorised person may think fit, and may serve a Notice on the consignee of, or on the person in charge of, or on the person in possession of, any of the aforesaid potatoes and packages, directing the aforesaid consignee or person on whom the Notice is served to destroy within such time and in such manner as may be specified in the aforesaid Notice the aforesaid potatoes and packages, or to remove them within such time and to such place as may be specified in the aforesaid Notice.

Production of Licences and Giving of Names and Addresses.

3.—(1) Any person in charge or in possession of potatoes which are being moved, where under this Order a licence is necessary, shall, on demand of a Justice or of a Constable or of an Inspector or of any authorised Officer, produce and show him the licence, and shall allow it to be read, and a copy of, or extract from, it to be taken by the person to whom it is produced.

(2) Any person in charge or in possession of potatoes, suspected by a Justice or by a Constable or by an Inspector or by any authorised Officer, of being or having been moved in contravention of this Order shall, on demand, as aforesaid, give his name and address and all the information in his possession as to the persons in whose charge or possession the potatoes have been and as to the place where the potatoes were grown or loaded.

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Special Licences.

4. Notwithstanding anything in this Order contained, potatoes may be moved or dealt with in any manner specified in any special licence granted under this Order.

Powers of Entry and Inspection.

5. Any Justice, Constable, Inspector or any authorised Officer upon production, if so required of his appointment or authority, may, for the purpose of enforcing this Order or of detecting any violation of the provisions thereof, examine the contents of any package or of any conveyance suspected by him to contain potatoes, and may take samples of any potatoes therein, and may for the aforesaid purpose enter any premises.

Licences.

6.—(1) Licences under this Order may be granted by the Ministry or by any Inspector or by any authorised Officer.

(2) Every Licence issued under this Order shall be delivered up to the Ministry in the manner prescribed on said Licence as soon as the purpose for which it was issued has been carried out, or the time for which it is valid has lapsed.

(3) Any erasure or alteration made in a Licence shall render it invalid.

(4) A Licence under this Order obtained by means of any false statement or misrepresentation shall be invalid.

Offences and Penalties.

7. If any person—

(*a*) moves any potatoes, or causes, or directs or permits the same to be moved in contravention of this Order or in contravention of the conditions inserted in any licence thereunder ; or

(*b*) refuses or neglects to comply with any direction contained in a Notice served on him under the provisions of this Order ; or

(*c*) purchases, takes delivery, or permits delivery to be taken of any potatoes moved in contravention of this Order ; or

(*d*) obtains or attempts to obtain a licence under this Order by means of any false statement or misrepresentation ; or

(*e*) refuses or neglects to produce and show any licence or refuses to allow it to be read and a copy of, or extract from, it to be taken as required by this Order, when called upon to do so by any of the persons set out in Article 3 of this Order ; or

(*f*) refuses or neglects to give his true name and address, or gives a false name or address to any of the persons set out in Article 3 of this Order ; or

(*g*) refuses or neglects to give to any of the persons set out in Article 3 of this Order or to the Ministry when required to do so the information required by said Article ; or

(*h*) obstructs or impedes any Inspector or any authorised officer in the discharge of his duty under this Order ; or

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(*i*) refuses or neglects to deliver up any licence in contravention of Article 6 of this Order ; or

(*j*) is guilty of any other act or default (not hereinbefore specified in this Article) in contravention of the provisions of this Order ;

he shall be guilty of an offence, and shall be liable on conviction to a penalty of ten pounds for each such offence.

Execution of the Order.

8. For the purposes of this Order a Notice shall be deemed to be served on a person if it is delivered to him personally or left for him at his last known place of abode, or at his office or place of business, or sent through the post in a letter addressed to him at either of such addresses ; and a Notice or other document purporting to be signed by an Inspector or any authorised officer shall be *prima facie* evidence that it was signed by such inspector or such authorised officer, as the case may be, and duly authorised.

Definitions.

9. In this Order—

" The Ministry " means the Ministry of Agriculture, Northern Ireland.

" Inspector " means an Inspector of the Ministry.

" Authorised " means authorised by the Ministry.

" Premises " means land, or a building or buildings, or land with a building or buildings thereon.

" Prescribed " means prescribed by the Ministry.

Commencement.

10. This Order shall come into operation on the 6th day of July, Nineteen hundred and twenty-three.

Short Title.

11. This Order may be cited as the Black Scab in Potatoes (Northern Ireland) No. 1 Order, 1923.

In witness whereof the Ministry of Agriculture, Northern Ireland, has hereunto set its Official Seal, this Sixth day of July, Nineteen hundred and twenty-three.

James S. Gordon.

(L.S.) Secretary.

THE SCHEDULE.

District No. 1 :—

A District comprising—

The townlands of Aghayalloge, Altnaveigh, Ballymacdermot, Carrivemaclone, Clontygora, Derry Beg, Ellisholding, Killeen, Newtown and Seafin, in the barony of Orior Upper, in the Administrative County of Armagh.

District No. 2 :—

A District comprising—

The townlands of Ballyholland Lower, Ballyholland Upper, Carneyhough, Creeve and Drumcashellone, in the Lordship of Newry ; the townlands of Burren, Carrogs and Donaghaguy, in the Barony of Iveagh Upper, Upper Half, in the Administrative County of Down.

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Black Scab in Potatoes (No. 2).

ORDER OF THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, NORTHERN IRELAND, UNDER THE DESTRUCTIVE INSECTS AND PESTS ACTS, 1877 AND 1907 (40 & 41 VICT., C. 68, AND 7 EDW. 7, C. 4).

1923. No. 68.

Restriction on Movement of Potatoes out of Scheduled Districts.

1.—(1) Excepting potatoes grown in District No. 1, described in the First Schedule to this Order, which are shipped for direct export from Ireland at Annalong, Ardglass, Ballyhalbert, Ballywalter, Dundrum, Greencastle, Kilkeel, Killough, Kirkcubbin, Newcastle, Newry, Portaferry, Portavogie, Rostrevor, Strangford, or Warrenpoint, potatoes shall not be moved out of the aforesaid districts otherwise than under and subject to the conditions of a licence under this Order authorising such movement.

(2) Potatoes grown in district No. 2, described in the First Schedule to this Order, shall not be moved out of the aforesaid districts otherwise than under and subject to the conditions of a licence under this Order authorising such movement.

(3) The foregoing provisions of this Article in regard to licences shall not apply to potatoes grown outside the districts described in the First Schedule to this Order (hereinafter referred to as the scheduled districts) which pass through any of the aforesaid districts in course of transit by railway but are not loaded or unloaded at any place within the aforesaid districts.

(4) Potatoes shall not be loaded, on any railway truck or railway wagon at any railway station, or other place within any of the scheduled districts, unless the person causing, directing, or permitting the potatoes to be so loaded shall have obtained a licence under this Order authorising such loading.

(5) Potatoes grown outside the scheduled districts shall not be loaded on any ship, boat or other vessel or craft, at any port or other place within any of the scheduled districts, unless the person causing, directing, or permitting the potatoes to be so loaded shall have obtained a licence authorising such loading, provided that this requirement shall not apply to potatoes which are moved in accordance with Article 3 and which remain in the custody of the Railway Company until shipped.

(6) Potatoes grown within any of the Scheduled districts shall not be loaded on any ship, boat, or other vessel or craft, at, or be shipped from, any port, or other place within any of the scheduled districts unless the person causing, directing, or permitting the potatoes to be so loaded, or the person causing, directing, or permitting the potatoes to be so shipped shall have obtained a certificate under this Order stating that the potatoes are of varieties immune to the disease known as Black Scab, Wart or Warty Disease, Cauliflower Disease, Potato Canker, or Potato Rosette (and caused by the fungus known as *Chrysophlyctis endobiotica* (Schilb) or *Synchitrium endobioticum* (Perc)).

Restriction on Planting, Digging, and Moving Potatoes within Prohibited Areas.

2. Within the area described in the Second Schedule to this Order (hereinafter referred to as the prohibited areas) potatoes shall not be

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planted, dug or otherwise raised out of the ground or moved from any field, plot, pit, shed, outhouse or other place on or used in connection with any farm, garden, cottage plot or agricultural holding otherwise than under and in accordance with the conditions of a licence authorising the planting, digging or raising out of the ground, or movement of the said potatoes.

Restriction on Growing and Planting Potatoes within Prohibited Areas or Scheduled Districts.

3.—(1) Potatoes other than varieties approved by the Ministry shall not be grown, or supplied or used for planting within the prohibited areas or the scheduled districts.

A list of the varieties approved by the Ministry may be obtained from the Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, for Northern Ireland Wellington Place, Belfast.

(2) Potatoes grown within the scheduled districts shall not be supplied or used for planting in Ireland elsewhere than in those districts.

Disposal of Potatoes Planted or Growing in Contravention of the Order.

4. If an inspector or any authorised officer finds planted or growing on any land potatoes which are not in the opinion of such officer of an approved variety, or if he has reason to believe that potatoes planted on any land have been so planted in contravention of this Order or in contravention of the conditions inserted in a licence thereunder, he may serve a Notice on the occupier of the land requiring him to dig or otherwise raise out of the ground the said potatoes, and to dispose of the same in such manner and within such period of time as may be prescribed in the Notice by the Inspector or authorised Officer.

Destruction of "Ground" Potatoes.

5. The occupier of any land within the scheduled districts which is not cropped with potatoes for the time being, but which having been so cropped at a previous period contains potato tubers which were not removed from the ground when the crop was raised, shall prevent the growth of the said tubers by pulling or digging up the potato stalks as they appear above ground.

Disposal of Potatoes moved in Contravention of the Order.

6. If any potatoes are loaded or moved in contravention of this Order, the Ministry or any inspector or other authorised person may destroy, or cause to be destroyed, in such manner as the Ministry or the inspector or the authorised person, as the case may be, thinks fit, the aforesaid potatoes and any packages in which the aforesaid potatoes are or have been contained, or may remove or cause to be removed any of the aforesaid potatoes and packages to such place and in such manner as the Ministry or any inspector or other authorised person may think fit, and may serve a Notice on the consignee of, or on the person in charge of, or on the person in possession of, any of the aforesaid potatoes and packages, directing the aforesaid consignee or person on whom the Notice is served to destroy within such time and in such manner as may be specified in such Notice the aforesaid potatoes and packages, or to

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remove them within such time and to such place as may be specified in such Notice.

Prohibition of use as Manure of Certain Substances within Scheduled Districts.

7. Within the scheduled districts it shall not be lawful to supply or to use as manure, or to spread on the land, or to put into or upon any manure heap, either alone or mixed with other material, any cleanings or any sweepings of potato houses or of potato stores or of potato pits.

Production of Licences and Certificates: Names and Addresses.

8.—(1) Any person in charge or in possession of potatoes which are being loaded, moved, supplied, used, planted, dug or otherwise raised out of the ground where, under this Order, a licence or certificate is necessary shall, on demand of a Justice of the Peace or of a constable or, of an inspector or of any authorised officer, or, in the case of potatoes to be moved by railway, of any officer or servant of the railway company, or in the case of potatoes to be shipped, of the master of the ship, boat or other vessel or craft, produce and show him the licence or certificate, and shall allow it to be read and a copy of, or extract from, it to be taken by the person to whom it is produced.

(2) Any person in charge or in possession of potatoes suspected by a Justice of the Peace or by a constable or by an inspector or by any authorised officer of being or having been loaded, moved, supplied, used, planted, dug or otherwise raised out of the ground, in contravention of this Order, shall, on demand as aforesaid, give his name and address and all the information in his possession as to the persons in whose charge or possession the potatoes have been and as to the place where the potatoes were grown or loaded.

Special Licences.

9. Notwithstanding anything in this Order contained, potatoes may be planted, moved, supplied, used or dealt with in any manner specified in any special licence granted under this Order.

Powers of Entry and Inspection.

10. Any justice, constable, inspector, or any authorised officer, upon production, if so required, of his appointment or authority, may, for the purpose of enforcing this Order or of detecting any violation of the provisions thereof, examine the contents of any package or of any conveyance suspected by him to contain potatoes, and may take samples of any potatoes therein, and may for the aforesaid purpose enter any premises or any ship, boat, or other vessel or craft.

Licences and Certificates.

11.—(1) Licences and certificates under this Order may be granted by the Ministry or by any inspector or by any authorised officer.

(2) Every licence and certificate issued under this Order shall be delivered up to the Ministry in the manner prescribed on said licence or certificate as soon as the purpose for which it was issued has been carried out or the time for which it is valid has elapsed.

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(3) Any erasure or alteration made in a licence or certificate shall render it invalid.

(4) A licence or certificate under this Order obtained by means of any false statement or misrepresentation shall be invalid.

Offences and Penalties.

12. If any person—

(*a*) moves any potatoes, or causes, directs or permits the same to be moved, in contravention of this Order or in contravention of the conditions inserted in any licence thereunder ; or

(*b*) loads any potatoes on any railway truck or waggon, or on any ship, boat or other vessel or craft, or causes, directs or permits the same to be so loaded, in contravention of this Order or in contravention of the conditions inserted in any licence thereunder ; or

(*c*) plants any potatoes or digs or raises any potatoes out of the ground, or causes, directs or permits the same to be planted, dug or raised in contravention of this Order or in contravention of the conditions inserted in any licence thereunder ; or

(*d*) refuses or neglects to comply with any direction contained in a Notice served on him under the provisions of this Order ; or

(*e*) purchases, takes delivery or permits delivery to be taken of any potatoes grown or moved in contravention of this Order ; or

(*f*) moves, causes, directs or permits to be moved, any potatoes grown in contravention of this Order ; or

(*g*) refuses or neglects to prevent in the manner prescribed in Article 4 or Article 5 of this Order the growth of potatoes in contravention of this Order or in contravention of the conditions inserted in any licence thereunder ; or

(*h*) supplies or uses as manure, or puts into or upon any manure heap, or spreads on any land, any of the substances mentioned in Article 7 of this Order, or causes, directs or permits the same to be supplied, or used as aforesaid in contravention of this Order, or in contravention of the conditions inserted in any licence thereunder ; or

(*i*) obtains or attempts to obtain a licence or certificate under this Order by means of any false statement or misrepresentation ; or

(*j*) refuses or neglects to produce and show any licence or certificate or refuses to allow it to be read and a copy of, or extract from, it to be taken as required by this Order when called upon to do so by any of the persons set out in Article 8 of this Order ; or

(*k*) refuses or neglects to give his true name and address or gives a false name or address to any of the persons set out in Article 8 of this Order ; or

(*l*) refuses or neglects to give to any of the persons set out in Article 8 of this Order or to the Ministry when required to do so the information required by said Article ; or

(*m*) obstructs or impedes any inspector or any authorised officer in discharge of his duty under this Order ; or

(*n*) refuses or neglects to deliver up any licence or certificate
B in contravention of Article 11 of this Order ; or

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(*o*) is guilty of any other act or default (not hereinbefore specified in this Article) in contravention of the provisions of this Order ; or

(*p*) Attempts to do anything by this Order declared to be an offence, he shall be guilty of an offence, and shall be liable on conviction to a penalty of ten pounds for each such offence.

Execution of the Order.

13. For the purposes of this Order a Notice shall be deemed to be served on a person if it is delivered to him personally or left for him at his last-known place of abode, or at his office or place of business, or sent through the post in a letter addressed to him at either of such addresses, and a notice or other document purporting to be signed by an inspector or any authorised officer shall be *prima facie* evidence that it was signed by such inspector or such authorised officer, as the case may be, and duly authorised.

Definitions.

14. In this Order—

" The Ministry " means the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland.

" Inspector " means an Inspector of the Ministry.

" Authorised Officer " means any person authorised by the Ministry.

" Premises " means land, or a building or buildings, or land with a building or buildings thereon.

" Occupier " means any person using land for the purpose of or in connection with growing potatoes thereon, whether he has an estate in said lands or not.

" Prescribed " means prescribed by the Ministry.

" Approved " means approved for the time being by the Ministry for planting within the scheduled districts and prohibited areas on account of immunity from disease or for any reason appearing to the Ministry sufficient.

References to potatoes as planted or growing shall include the plants at all stages of maturity.

Commencement.

15. This Order shall come into operation on the twenty-second day of November, nineteen hundred and twenty-three.

Short title.

16. This Order may be cited as the Black Scab in Potatoes (Northern Ireland) No. 2 Order, 1923.

Revocation of Previous Orders.

17. The Order described in the Third Schedule to this Order is hereby revoked as from the twenty-second day of November, nineteen hundred and twenty-three, provided that such revocation shall not—

(i) affect the previous operation of that Order, or anything duly done or suffered thereunder ; or

(ii) affect any right, privilege, obligation, or liability acquired, accrued, or incurred thereunder ; or

(iii) affect any penalty incurred in respect of any offence committed against that Order ; or

(iv) affect any investigation, legal proceeding, or remedy in respect of any such right, privilege, obligation, liability, or

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penalty as aforesaid ; and any such investigation, legal proceeding, or remedy may be instituted, continued or enforced, and any such penalty may be imposed, as if this Order had not been made.

In witness whereof the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland is hereunto affixed, this twenty-second day of November, nineteen hundred and twenty-three.

(Signed)

James S. Gordon,

(L.S.) Secretary.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

SCHEDULED DISTRICTS.

DISTRICT No. 1.

A district comprising—

The Townlands of Aghnamoira, Ballincurry, Ballindoalty, Ballyedmond, Ballyneddon, Ballinran, Ballintur, Ballymoney, Clonallan Glebe, Dromore, Drumsesk, Kilfeaghan, Kilfeaghan Upper, Levallyclanone, Moygannon, Narrow Water, Ringmacilroy, Rostrevor, Rostrevor Upper, Tamnyveagh, The Point Park and the Urban District of Warrenpoint, all in the Barony of Iveagh Upper, Upper Half, in the Administrative County of Down ; and the townlands of Aghyoghill, Attical, Aughnahoory, Aughnaloopy, Aughrim, Ballaghanery, Ballaghanery Upper, Ballinran, Ballinran Upper, Ballyardel, Ballygowan, Ballykeel, Ballymadeerfy, Ballymagart, Ballymageogh, Ballymartin, Ballynahatton, Ballyveagh Beg, Ballyveagh Beg Upper, Ballyveagh More, Ballyveagh More Upper, Benagh Lower, Benagh Upper, Brackenagh East, Brackenagh East Upper, Brackenagh West, Brackenagh West Upper, Carrigenagh, Carrigenagh Upper, Cocreaghan, Cranfield, Derryoge, Drumcro, Drumindoney, Drummanlane, Drummanmore, Dunnaman (or Donavan), Dunnaval, Glasdrumman, Glenloughan, Glenloughan Upper, Grange, Greencastle, Guineways, Guineways Upper, Kilkeel (including Kilkeel Town), Leitrim, Leitrim Upper, Lisnacree, Lisnacree Upper, Lurganconary, Lurganreagh, Magheramurphy, Maghereagh, Maghery, Moneydorragh Beg, Moneydorragh More Upper, Moneydorragh More (including the town of Annalong), Mourne Mountains West, Mourne Mountains Middle, Mourne Park (or Ballyrogan), Moyad, Moyad Upper, Mullartown, Tullyframe, all in the barony of Mourne, in the administrative County of Down ; Aghacullion, Ardaghy, Ballaghabeg, Ballyginny, Ballyhafry, Ballyloughlin, Ballymagreehan, Ballymoney, Burrenbane, Burrenreagh, Carnacavill, Castlewellan (including the town of Castlewellan), Clarkhill, Clonachullion Cross, Drumee, Drumena, Dundrinne, Fofannybane, Fofannyreagh, Letalian, Moneyscalp, Moyad, Murlough Upper, Slievenalargy, Tollymore, Tollymore Park, Tullybranigan, Tullyree, and the Urban District of Newcastle, all in the barony of Iveagh Upper, Lower Half, in the Administrative County of Down ; and the townlands of Aghlisnafin, Ardmeen, Audley's Acre, Ballybannan, Ballycam, Ballydargan, Ballydonety, Ballydonnell, Ballydugan, Ballygallum, Ballygilbert, Ballykeel, Ballykilbeg, Ballykinler Lower, Ballykinler Middle, Ballykinler Upper, Ballylig, Ballylough, Ballylucas, Ballymote Middle, Ballymote Lower, Ballymote Upper, Ballynagallagh, Ballynewport, Ballynoe, Ballyplunt, Ballyrolly, Ballystrew, Ballyvange, Ballyvaston, Ballyviggis, Ballywarren, Bonecastle, Bright, Cargagh, Carrickanab, Carrowbane, Carrowdressex, Castleskreen, Clanmaghery. Commons of Clanmaghery, Clogher, Commonreagh, Coniamstown, Corbally, Crolly's Quarter, Demesne of Down, Dundrum, Erenagh, Glebe, Glovet, Grangewalls, Grangicam, Hollymount, Islandbane, Jordan's Acre, Kilbride, Killavees, Killough (including the town of Killough), Legamaddy, Lisnamaul, Lisoid, Magheralagan, Magherasaul, Marshallstown, Moneycarragh, Moneylane, Murlough Lower, Quarter Cormick, Rathmullan Lower, Rathmullan Upper, Ringreagh, Rossglass, Russell's Quarter, Saint John's Point, Saul Quarter, Strand, Struell, Tobercorran, Tobermoney, Tullinespick, Tullymurry, Tyrella North, Tyrella South, Wateresk, Whigamstown, Woodgrange, and the Urban District of Downpatrick, all in the barony of Lecale Upper, in the Administrative County of Down, and the townlands of Annadorn, Ardilea, Ardtanagh, Castlenavan, Claragh, Cloghram, Clough, Creeghduff, Cumran, Dumanaghan (or Drumulcaw), Drumanakelly, Drumcaw, Drumgooland, Dunnanew, Farranfad, Knocksticken, Naghan, Seaforde Demesne, Tannaghmore, all in the barony of Kinearlty, in the Adminis-

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trative County of Down ; and the townlands of Acre M'Cricket, Ardglass (including the town of Ardglass), Ardtole, Audleystown, Ballinarry, Ballintlieve, Ballintogher, Ballyalton, Ballybeg, Ballybrannagh Lower, Ballybrannagh Upper, Ballyclander Lower, Ballyclander Upper, Ballycruttle, Ballyculter Lower, Ballyculter Upper, Ballyedock Lower, Ballyedock Upper, Ballyhornan, Ballyhosset, Ballyhosset Miltown, Ballylenagh, Ballymenagh, Ballymurry, Ballynagarrick, Ballynagross Lower, Ballynagross Upper, Ballyorgan, Ballyrenan, Ballysallagh, Ballystokes, Ballysugagh, Ballytrustan, Ballywalter, Ballywoodan, Bishopscourt, Cargagh, Carrintaggart, Carrowbaghran, Carrowcarlin, Carrownacaw, Carrowvanny, Castle Island, Castlemahon, Castleward, Church Ballee, Cloghy, Coney Island, Corbally, Dillin, Dunsfort, Ferryquarter, Glebe, Isle M'Cricket, Jordan's Crew, Kilclief, Kildare's Crew, Killard Upper, Killard Lower, Lagnagoppoge, Lisbane, Lisboy, Lismore, Loughkeelan, Loughmoney, Portloughan, Quoile, Raholp, Ringawaddy, Ringbane, Ringfad, Ross, Russell's Quarter South, Russell's Quarter North, Saul, Sheepland Beg, Sheepland More, Slievenagriddle, Spittle Ballee, Spittle Quarter, Strangford Lower, Strangford Upper, Tollumgrange Lower, Tollumgrange Upper, Tullycarnan, Tullyfoyle Lower, Tullyfoyle Upper, Tullynaskeagh, Tullyratty, Walshestown, Whitehills, all in the barony of Lecale Lower, in the Administrative County of Down ; and the townlands of Ardgeehan, Ardkeen, Ardminnan, Ardquin, Balligan, Ballyadam, Ballyblack, Ballybrannigan, Ballycam, Ballycran Beg, Ballycran More, Ballyedock or Carstown, Ballyesborough, Ballyfinragh, Ballyfounder, Ballyfrench, Ballygalget, Ballygarvan, Ballygarvigan, Ballygelagh, Ballygraffan, Ballyhalbert, Ballyhemlin, Ballyhenry, Ballyherly, Ballylimp, Ballymacnamee, Ballymarter, Ballyminnish, Ballymurphy, Ballynichol, Ballyobegan, Ballyphilip, Ballyquintin, Ballyridley, Ballyrusley, Ballyspurge, Ballytrustan, Ballywadden, Ballywallon, Ballywalter, Ballyward, Ballywhite, Ballywhollart, Ballyweird, Broom Quarter, Castleboy, Cloghy, Cookstown, Corrog, Craigaroddan, Demesne, Derry, Dooey, Drumardan, Drumardan Quarter, Dunevly, Echlinville, Fish Quarter, Glastry, Granagh, Gransha, Inishargy, Kearney, Keentagh, Killydressy, Kircubbin, Kirkistown, Knockinelder, Lisbane, Loughdoo, Marlfield, Newcastle, Nuns-quarter, Parson Hall, Portavogie, Priest-town, Ratallagh, Roddans, Rowreagh, Slanes, Springvale, Tara, Thomastown, Tieveshilly, Tullyboard, Tullycarnan, Tullycross, Tullynacrew, Tullymally, Tullytramon, and that portion of the townland of Ballyatwood, which lies south of the main road from Greyabbey to Ballywalter, all in the barony of Ards Upper, in the Administrative County of Down ; and the townlands of Ballybryan, Bootown, Killyvolgan, Rosemount, and those parts of the townlands of Ballyboghilbo, and of Black Abbey which lie south of the main road from Greyabbey to Ballywalter, all in the barony of Ards Lower in the Administrative County of Down ; the townlands of Ballynacraig, Commons and Greenan and the Urban District of Newry, in the lordship of Newry in the Administrative County of Down ; the townlands of Ballinlare, Carnagat, Cloghoge, Derry Beg, Drumalane, Fathom Upper and Fathom Lower, Lisdrumgullion, Lisdrumliska, in the barony of Orior Upper, in the Adminstrative County of Armagh.

DISTRICT No. 2.—An area comprising the townlands of Ballycarn, Ballygowan, Ballylessan, Ballymullan, Ballynahatty, Ballyskeagh, Drumbeg, Drumbo (that portion north of the road from Shaw's Bridge to Lisburn), Edenderry, Largymore, Lisnatrunk (Parish of Blaris), Lisnatrunk (Parish of Lambeg), and Tullynacross, in the barony of Castlereagh Upper, in the Administrative County of Down : the townlands of Lambeg South, Lisnagarvey, Old Warren, and Tonagh, in the barony of Massereene Upper, in the Administrative County of Antrim, and the Urban District of Lisburn, in the baronies of Massereene Upper and Castlereagh Upper in the Administrative County of Antrim, the townlands of Ballyfinaghy, Derryaghy, Dunmurry, Killeaton, Kilmakee, Lambeg North, Malone Upper and Old Forge, in the barony of Belfast Upper in the Administrative County of Antrim.

SECOND SCHEDULE.

PROHIBITED AREAS.

Any farm, garden, cottage plot or agricultural holding on any portion of which the disease of potatoes known as Black Scab, Wart or Warty Disease, Cauliflower Disease, Potato Canker or Potato Rosette (and caused by the fungus known as *Chrysophlyctis endobiotica* (Schilb) or *Synchitrium endobioticum* (Perc.) exists or has at any time existed.

THIRD SCHEDULE.

ORDER REVOKED.

The Black Scab in Potatoes (Northern Ireland) No. 3 Order, 1922.

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EDUCATION.

Grants to Preparatory, Intermediate and Secondary Schools, 1923-24.

REGULATIONS, DATED 16TH OCTOBER, 1923, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, NORTHERN IRELAND, UNDER SECTION 99 (1) OF THE EDUCATION ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1923 (13 & 14 GEO. 5, CH. 21).

1923. No. 44.

1. For the purposes of these regulations :—

(*a*) A Preparatory School is a school or department of a school providing instruction suitable for preparing pupils for entry to an intermediate or secondary school.

(*b*) An Intermediate School is a school or department of a school providing at least a three years' course of instruction in such subjects as may from time to time be deemed suitable for pupils who, before entrance, have reached such stage (in these regulations referred to as the 'qualifying stage') of attainment in elementary education as may be prescribed by the Ministry.

(*c*) A Secondary School is a school or department of a school providing at least a five years' course of instruction in the subjects aforesaid beyond the qualifying stage.

2. In order to be recognised as a Preparatory School or Preparatory Department of a school at least 75 per cent. of the pupils who leave it annually must become bona fide pupils of a recognised Intermediate or Secondary School, and further, the annual tuition fee for the ordinary course, not including extra subjects, must be at least £6.

3. No School will be recognised under these rules which has not at least 30 pupils between the ages of 6 and 19, each of whom is following a course of instruction approved by the Ministry, and each of whom makes at least 130 attendances during the school year.

In the case of an epidemic or other serious difficulty the Ministry may accept a smaller number of attendances.

The fees charged in all Preparatory, Intermediate and Secondary Schools will be subject to the approval of the Ministry.

The Ministry may at any time, as a condition for grants, require a school to provide a certain number of free places for children who, in the opinion of the Ministry, have given proof of their capacity to benefit by a course of higher education.

Should a school satisfy the above conditions during one school year it may be recognised in the following year even if the number of pupils falls below the limit, but this concession cannot be further extended.

4. No school will be recognised unless it is shown to the satisfaction of the Ministry that no pupil attending the school is permitted to remain in attendance during the time of any religious service or instruction unless the parents or guardians of such pupil shall have sanctioned such attendance, and that the time for religious service or instruction is so fixed that no pupil not remaining in attendance is excluded directly or indirectly from the advantages of the secular education given in the school.

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5. No new school will be recognised unless it can be shown to be required in the area in which it is situated.

MANAGEMENT.

6. No school will be recognised which is in the opinion of the Ministry conducted for private profit or farmed out to the Head Master or Head Mistress.

The entire income of the school from all sources must be devoted solely to educational purposes.

7. The School must be under the control of a Governing Body approved by the Ministry. The Governing Body must act under a scheme of written regulations setting forth its constitution and defining its functions both as regards responsibility for general control, and responsibility (including that of the Head Master or Head Mistress) for the conduct of the school. A copy of the scheme must be deposited with the Ministry, and its provisions must be approved by the Ministry and must not be varied or departed from without the approval of the Ministry.

8. After the Governing Body has been formed and approved, an application, in the prescribed form, for recognition of the school must be submitted by them to the Ministry.

The school cannot be recognised in respect of any school year unless this application shall have reached the Ministry on or before the 30th September in that year or shall have reached the Ministry in a previous year and not been withdrawn.

9. The Governing Body must appoint a person to act as Correspondent with the Ministry.

N.B.—Rules 6, 7, 8 and 9 will not be enforced during the School Year 1923-24. Arrangements should be made during that year for management on the lines indicated to begin at the opening of the School Year 1924-25.

For the year 1923-24 the system of managers which has been in operation up to the present will be continued, and a consent to inspection in the prescribed form, signed by the manager, must reach the Ministry on or before 30th September, 1923.

CURRICULUM.

10. The curriculum in a Preparatory School or Preparatory Department of a Secondary School must be approved by the Ministry, and must, as a rule, provide for instruction in :—

English.
History.
Geography.
One language other than English.
Arithmetic.
Drawing.
Choral Singing.
Nature Study.
Needlework (for girls only).

11. The curriculum of an Intermediate or Secondary School must be approved by the Ministry, and must provide for instruction, suitable for children who have reached the qualifying stage, in :—

English.
History.
Geography.

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One language other than English.
Mathematics.
Science (including Laboratory Work).
Drawing.
Choral Singing.

It is expected that instruction in Civics will be given in connection with the teaching of English and History. Provision must be made to the satisfaction of the Ministry in the ordinary management of the school and in the instruction given therein for bringing up the pupils in habits of punctuality, of good manners and language, of cleanliness and neatness, and also for impressing upon the pupils the importance of cheerful obedience to duty, of consideration and respect for others and of honour and truthfulness in word and act.

In schools for girls the curriculum must include provision for instruction in Domestic Economy.

In schools for boys the curriculum must include provision for instruction in Manual Work.

Schools will be given a period of two years from 1st August, 1923, in which to make arrangements with regard to Manual Instruction and Domestic Economy.

12. The curriculum must make such provision as the Ministry, having regard to the circumstances of the school, can accept as adequate for organised games and physical exercises.

13. All the subjects set forth in Rules 10 and 11 need not necessarily be taught throughout the whole school nor to every pupil, but the course in any one subject should extend over at least two years. The arrangements made by the school in this respect must, however, receive the sanction of the Ministry.

14. On or before a date in each year to be fixed by the Ministry there must be submitted a time table and syllabuses setting forth the courses of instruction in all classes in the school. The time table and syllabuses must be approved by the Ministry.

15. The Ministry may prohibit the use of such books as may not meet with its approval.

Teaching and Staff.

16. Except in circumstances specially sanctioned by the Ministry the number of pupils taught together in any one class should not as a rule exceed 30 and must never exceed 35.

17. In Practical Classes for Science, Domestic Economy and Manual Instruction the number of pupils in a class may not exceed 20 unless an assistant teacher recognised by the Ministry is provided, in which case the number may be increased to 30.

18. Practical Instruction in Science, Domestic Economy and Manual Instruction must be given in lessons of at least 80 minutes duration.

19. The salaries of the teaching staff must in no case be subject to variation according to the amount of grant received under these regulations.

20. Where salaries or scales of salaries for certain teachers or classes of teachers are prescribed by the Ministry, those salaries at least must be paid to the teachers.

21. The qualifications of all the teachers employed in giving instruction in each subject must be approved by the Ministry.

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22. As a rule no school will be recognised as eligible for grants unless one teacher at least for each of the principal subjects of instruction has been recognised by the Ministry as a teacher of that subject.

23. The staff must be sufficient to admit of a proper classification of the pupils.

24. No school will be recognised unless all the full-time teachers are under contract determinable only upon at least three months' notice in writing.

25. In case of dismissal a teacher shall have a right of appeal to the Ministry as referee.

INSPECTION.

26. The Ministry must be satisfied that the School is in all respects efficient. It must be open at all reasonable times to inspection by the officers of the Ministry, and the efficiency of the instruction and proficiency of the pupils will be judged by such tests as the Ministry may direct. A reasonable proportion of pupils must be presented for the annual Examinations of the Ministry and the results of these examinations may be taken into account in estimating the efficiency of the School.

PREMISES.

27. The Ministry must be satisfied that the school premises are satisfactory as regards lighting, heating, ventilation and sanitary condition, that they provide adequate accommodation in suitable class-rooms for the pupils in attendance, and that they contain such equipment as may be deemed necessary for the proper working of the approved curricula.

Plans for new buildings and for alterations or extensions of existing buildings must receive the approval of the Ministry.

RECORDS.

28. The names of all pupils must be entered in Attendance Books supplied by the Ministry and the attendances marked in accordance with the regulations furnished therewith.

Attendance on any day shall mean, in the case of pupils of the age of 10 years and over, that the pupil shall have been present under instruction in the school for not less than 4 hours, and, in the case of pupils under the age of 10, that the pupil shall have been under instruction in the school for not less than 3 hours, provided that on a day which is a school half-holiday attendance under instruction for not less than 2 hours shall suffice in the case of all pupils.

29. When a pupil enters a school, steps should immediately be taken to secure a copy of his birth certificate, or, in cases where the birth has not been registered, a statutory declaration as to the date of birth made by a parent or guardian, supported by such other evidence as may be available.

30. A permanent Register of Pupils must be kept in every school. It must contain the name of the parent or guardian of each pupil, the full name of the pupil, the date and place of his birth, the date of his admission to the School, his previous school if any, the class in which he is placed on admission, the examinations which he has passed before admission and those which he passes during his school career, the date of his leaving and the class then reached.

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FINANCE.

31. There must be sent to the Ministry at such date and in such form as may be prescribed a complete balance sheet and statement of accounts showing the receipts and expenditure during the school year and supported by such vouchers and other evidence as the Ministry may require.

All the accounts of the school (including the school fees account) must be kept in such form as to show readily the information required by the Ministry. These accounts must be open to inspection at any time by an accredited officer of the Ministry, and all such vouchers as may be required in support of any item must be forthcoming.

GENERAL.

32. The school must furnish to the Ministry at such dates as may be prescribed, such attendance books, lists, and other information as may be required by the Ministry.

GRANTS.

33. A grant of £5 will be paid in respect of each eligible pupil in Preparatory Schools or Preparatory Classes.

A Grant of £9 will be paid in respect of each eligible pupil who, having reached the " qualifying stage " (see definition of Intermediate School) or having equivalent attainments, is following an approved intermediate course.

A grant of £12 will be paid in respect of each eligible pupil who, having completed the intermediate course and having passed the appropriate examination (or having attainments which in the opinion of the Ministry are equivalent), is following an approved post-intermediate course.

In the case of a small school recognised as discharging a useful public function in a locality where no other school of a similar type exists, or in other exceptional circumstances the Ministry may, with the approval of the Ministry of Finance, allow an additional grant to the school.

34. To be cligible to earn grant the pupils must follow an approved course and must, during the school year, make at least 130 attendances while between the ages of 6 and 19.

In case of an epidemic or other serious difficulty the Ministry may accept a smaller number of attendances.

Pupils who are reported upon by the Inspectors as unfit to attend the classes in which they are placed may be disqualified for earning grant for the school.

35. Where a pupil, during the school year, has been transferred from one school to another, the Ministry may, after consideration of all the circumstances of the case, divide the capitation grant, in respect of that pupil, between the two schools in such proportion as it may think fit, or may pay the whole or any portion of the capitation grant to any one of the schools or may refuse to pay any grant in respect of that pupil.

36. Should any of these or other regulations of the Ministry not be complied with the Ministry may make such deductions from the grant as it may deem advisable.

37. In the case of a school which during the school year of 1922-23 was recognised by the Ministry, the Ministry may pay grants under these rules in full or in part, and for such limited period as it may

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determine, notwithstanding that any of the above conditions are not complied with.

38. The school year is the period from the first day of August in one year to the 31st day of July in the following year.

39. In any case of doubt or difficulty as to the construction of these rules, or as to any claim, right or liability thereunder, the decision of the Ministry shall be final.

40. The foregoing rules will come into operation on the first day of August, 1923, but will not apply to anything in relation to the school year ending 31st July, 1923.

All previous rules dealing with grants to Intermediate and Secondary Schools, shall, except in their application to (Trades Preparatory Schools, be revoked from the time when these rules come into operation.

Given under the Seal of the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland, this 16th day of October, 1923.

L. McQuibban,
Secretary.

Parliamentary Grants and Rate Aid.

REGULATION, DATED 9TH NOVEMBER, 1923, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, NORTHERN IRELAND, UNDER SECTION 77 OF THE EDUCATION ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1923.

1923, No. 51.

WHEREAS it is provided in Section 77 of the Education Act (Northern Ireland), 1923, that the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland hereinafter called " the Ministry " shall, by regulations to be laid before Parliament in accordance with the provisions of that Act, prescribe from time to time the conditions required to be fulfilled, in respect of any school or educational facilities to which that Act applies, for the purpose of participation in any grant out of moneys provided by Parliament or in any aid from funds raised or administered by education authorities : Provided that the Ministry shall, in framing such regulations, have regard to the provisions of Section five of the Government of Ireland Act, 1920, and Article 16 of the Articles of Agreement set forth in the Schedule to the Irish Free State (Agreement) Act, 1922 :—

NOW THEREFORE the Ministry hereby makes the following Regulation, that is to say :—

Except as provided hereunder it shall be a condition requiring to be fulfilled in respect of any school or educational facility (to which the Education Act (Northern Ireland), 1923, applies) for the purpose of participating in any grant out of moneys provided by Parliament or in any rom fundaid fs raised or administered by education authorities that before payment thereof, to or in respect of, any such school or educa ional facility or any teacher therein, every such teacher and every manager or other person having or exercising the control, management, direction or conduct of such school or educational facility, shall comply with the provisions of all statutes, and all rules and regulations made thereunder so far as such statutes, rules and regulations

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relate to or regulate the management or administration of such school or specify the duties to be performed or the conditions to be fulfilled by any such manager, teacher or other person as aforesaid :

PROVIDED that, if the requirements of the aforesaid statutes and rules and regulations made thereunder are not complied with in their entirety by any of the parties aforesaid, the Ministry shall have power, having regard to the circumstances of the case, to determine whether, and, if so, to what extent, the grants or aid shall be reduced or withheld, and the determination of the Ministry thereon shall be final.

Given under the Seal of the Ministry of Education this ninth day of November, 1923.

L. McQuibban,
Secretary.

Retired Teachers Pensions (Increase).

REGULATIONS MADE BY THE MINISTER OF FINANCE, IN EXERCISE OF THE POWERS CONFERRED UPON THE MINISTRY BY SECTION 4 OF THE PENSIONS (INCREASE) ACT, 1920, AS AMENDED BY SUB-SECTION (3) OF SECTION 70 OF THE EDUCATION ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1923 :

1923. No. 53.

1. Where a teacher in receipt of a pension awarded under the National School Teachers (Ireland) Act, 1879, having received the maximum increase of pension authorised by the Pensions (Increase) Act, 1920, and the Treasury Regulations made thereunder, is in receipt of an increased pension of less than £50 a year, the Ministry of Finance may substitute for such pension either an annual pension calculated on the basis of a sum of one pound five shillings for each year of service or a pension of £50, whichever is the less, provided, however, that no pensioner shall receive a less pension than that to which he was entitled before the making of these Regulations.

2. When a pensioner has commuted his original pension, or part thereof, there shall be deducted from the revised pension calculated as in Regulation 1 an amount equal to the difference between the pension payable had commutation not taken place and the existing pension.

3. The expression " Service " means service as defined in Rule 4 of the Irish Teachers Pension Rules, 1914, and the expression " Existing Pension " means the pension awarded under the Irish Teachers Pension Rules before the grant of an increase under the Pensions (Increase) Act, 1920.

4. These Regulations shall come into operation as from the 1st day of July, 1923.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 1st day of October, 1923, in the presence of

G. C. Duggan,
(L.S.) Assistant Secretary.

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Teachers in Preparatory, Intermediate and Secondary Schools, Certification.

REGULATIONS, DATED 14TH NOVEMBER, 1923, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, NORTHERN IRELAND, UNDER SECTION 65 OF THE EDUCATION ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1923 (13 & 14 GEO. 5, CH. 21) AND LAID BEFORE PARLIAMENT IN TERMS OF SECTION 99 (3) OF THE ACT AFORESAID.

1923, No. 54.

1. Teachers in Preparatory, Intermediate, and Secondary Schools who satisfy the requirements of the Ministry may be certified as qualified to give instruction in such subjects and in such divisions of the schools as the Ministry may in accordance with these regulations determine.

2. The registration will, in the first instance, be provisional, and the teacher will be regarded as being on probation for not less than two complete years of actual service in the school.

3. The principal teacher of each school in which a teacher on probation is engaged (if the probationer be not himself a principal) shall forward to the Ministry at the end of each year of probationary service a report upon the manner in which the teacher has discharged his duties and upon his fitness for continued recognition.

4. Upon completion of the probationary period the reports of the Principal Teacher shall, in the case of every applicant, be considered by the Ministry's Inspectors, who shall report thereon to the Ministry.

5. After consideration of the reports made as required in Regulations 3 and 4 the Ministry will decide whether to grant full recognition, to extend the probationary period, or to refuse further recognition.

6. Certification will not, as a rule, be granted after 1st August, 1925, to any teacher who has not undergone a course of training in the theory and practice of teaching. For teachers in the Intermediate and Secondary branches of the schools such training should, as a rule, be attested by a University Diploma in Education recognised by the Ministry and taken after the completion of the course of general education necessary for the qualifications required by these regulations.

In certain cases in lieu of such diploma the Ministry may recognise for honour graduates a year's course of post graduate study or research approved by the Ministry.

7. Candidates for certification as teachers of any subject must have qualifications as set forth in the Schedule to these regulations, or such other qualifications as the Ministry may consider to be equivalent.

8. Teachers who at the date on which these regulations come into force are employed in teaching in an Intermediate or Secondary School recognised by the Ministry and whose names appear on the Register of Intermediate School Teachers in Northern Ireland on the 30th September, 1923, or on the Register of Science Teachers kept by the Ministry shall be recognised as qualified to teach such subjects as the Ministry may in pursuance of these regulations determine.

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The Ministry may also in such cases and to such extent as it deems right waive the requirements of regulations 6 and 7 in the case of teachers who have been employed before these regulations come into force in any Intermediate or Secondary School recognised for this purpose by the Ministry.

9. Applicants for certification must submit to the Ministry, in the prescribed form, full particulars of their qualifications in each subject in which they desire recognition.

10. The Ministry may waive part of or the whole of the probationary period in the case of teachers who have had teaching experience in approved schools outside of Northern Ireland and who produce satisfactory evidence of efficiency.

11. The Ministry may before granting full recognition under these regulations require any teacher to attend further courses of study or to pass such examinations as it may determine.

12. The Ministry may at any time, after due warning, withdraw full recognition from any teacher on grounds of misconduct or inefficiency ; and the Ministry may at any time require, as a condition of continued recognition, that a teacher should attend such further courses of instruction or pass such examinations as it may determine.

13. In certain cases teachers who are recognised for one or more subjects may be permitted to teach (especially in the lower classes of the school) certain other subjects which are cognate to those in which they are recognised, and in which evidence of definite qualifications is forthcoming. Such permission may be only temporary, or subject to such other limitations as the Ministry may consider necessary.

14. The Interpretation Act, 1889, shall apply for the purpose of the interpretation of these regulations as it applies for the purpose of the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

15. In any case of doubt or difficulty as to the construction of these regulations or as to any claim, right, or liability thereunder, the decision of the Ministry shall be final.

Given under the Seal of the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland, this 14th day of November, 1923.

L. McQuibban,
Secretary.

SCHEDULE.

The following qualifications or others judged by the Ministry to be equivalent will be required before provisional registration can be granted :—

A. FOR SECONDARY TEACHERS.

I. In Classics, English, History, Geography, Modern Languages, Mathematics and Science.

1. The degree or diploma of any University, approved by the Ministry, in the subjects taken at the final examination for the degree or diploma.

2. The Associateship of the Royal College of Science (London or Dublin) in respect of the subjects covered by the Associateship.

3. A recognised post-graduate course of study at some University, or equivalent institution recognised by the Ministry in the subject of post-graduate study.

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4. For recognition as teacher of Modern Languages, evidence of having studied for at least three continuous months in the country (or in the case of Irish, the district) in which the Language is spoken will as a rule also be required.

II. In Domestic Science.

1. The diploma of any approved Training College in Domestic Science in respect of the subjects covered by the Training Certificate.

2. Teachers' Certificates of the City and Guilds of London Institute in respect of Plain Needlework, and Dressmaking and Millinery.

III. In Manual Instruction.

1. Certificates in respect of Manual Instruction issued by the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland at the conclusion of courses of training of Manual Instructors.

2. Teachers' Certificates in Manual Instruction (Woodwork and Metalwork) of the City and Guilds of London Institute.

3. Teachers' Higher Certificates (Woodwork and Metalwork) of the Board of Examinations for Educational Handwork.

4. Teachers' Certificates in Manual Training (Woodwork) awarded by the Ministry, or by the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction.

IV. In Commercial Subjects.

1. The degree of a University, or the certificate of the London School of Economics in respect of the subjects taken at the final examination for the degree or certificate.

2. An Honours Certificate in the Technical School Examinations of the Ministry, or of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland in respect of Economic Geography and Economics and Industrial History.

3. The Four Year Course Certificate in the Technical School Examinations in respect of the subjects, other than Economic Geography, Economics and Modern Languages covered by the Certificate, in which first-class passes have been secured.

4. Certificates of Class I., Stage III., of the Royal Society of Arts in respect of the subjects other than English and Modern Languages mentioned in the Certificates.

5. Teachers' Certificates of the London Chamber of Commerce in respect of Commercial Subjects other than languages mentioned thereon.

6. Pitman's Full Teachers' Certificate for Shorthand.

7. The Associateship or the Fellowship of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales, Scotland, or Ireland, in respect of Book-keeping, Accountancy and Economics.

8. The Associateship or Fellowship of the Society of Incorporated Accountants and Auditors in Book-keeping, Accountancy and Economics.

9. The Fellowship of the Scottish Corporation of Accountants in Book-keeping, Accountancy and Economics.

V. Art.

1. The Associateship of the Royal College of Art.

2. The Associateship of the Manchester School of Art.

3. The diploma of the Edinburgh College of Art.

4. The Art Master's Certificate of the Board of Education.

5. The Art Teacher's Certificate of the Board of Education, England, or of the Ministry, or of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction.

6. The Art Class Teacher's Certificate (Board of Education).

7. The Secondary Teachers' Advanced Drawing Certificate of the Ministry, or of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction.

8. Specially qualified persons may be exceptionally recognised. Applications for such recognition must be accompanied by a complete detailed statement of the applicants' course of study and work.

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VI. In Music.

1. A University degree in Music.
2. The Licentiateship of the Royal College of Music.
3. The Associateship of the Royal College of Music.
4. Fellowship or Associateship of the Royal College of Organists (London).
5. For teachers in Preparatory Schools :—
   (a) The Grade 5 Certificate of the Incorporated Society of Musicians.
   (b) The Certificate of the Advanced Grade of the Associated Board of the Royal Academy of Music and the Royal College of Music.
6. Licentiateship of the Royal Academy of Music (London) in oral training and class singing.
7. Fellowship of the Tonic Sol-fa College (London) in oral training and class singing.

VII. In Physical Education.

1. The diploma of any institution recognised by the Ministry.

B.—FOR PREPARATORY TEACHERS.

Teachers possessing the qualifications required for Secondary Teachers may be recognised as qualified to teach the same subjects in Preparatory Schools.

For the general teaching of pupils in Preparatory Schools the following qualifications will be accepted by the Ministry :—

1. The diploma awarded by the Ministry to Primary Teachers.
2. The certificates as Primary Teachers of either the English Board of Education or the Scottish Education Department.
3. For work in the lower classes (composed of children up to about the age of 8 years)—The Higher Certificate of the National Froebel Union.

Teachers in Preparatory, Intermediate, and Secondary Schools, Salaries.

Regulations, dated 16th October, 1923, made by the Ministry of Education, Northern Ireland, under Section 99 (2) of the Education Act (Northern Ireland), 1923 (13 & 14 Geo. 5, Ch. 21).

1923. No. 42.

Salaries of Teachers.

1. For the purpose of these Regulations there shall be two classes of recognised teachers in secondary schools :—

i. Those recognised as teachers in the higher classes composed of pupils normally over the age of 12 years called " secondary teachers."

ii. Those recognised as teachers in the preparatory classes normally composed of pupils up to the age of 12 years—called " preparatory teachers."

2. (*a*) The scales of salary for full-time registered teachers on the authorised staff of a recognised secondary school are the following :

Men .. £210—£12—£270—£15—£450.
Women .. £200—£10—£325.

Teachers who have obtained a degree with First or Second Class Honours in a British or an Irish University shall, in the case of men, after reaching a salary of £450, proceed by further increments of £15 to a maximum of £500, and, in the case of women, after reaching a salary of £320, proceed by further increments of £10 to a maximum of

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£375. Similar maxima shall be granted for other qualifications recognised by the Ministry as equivalent to a First or a Second Class Honours degree.

(*b*) All full-time registered teachers who are on the authorised staff of a recognised preparatory school or the preparatory department of a recognised secondary school shall be placed on the following salary scales :—

Men	..	£160—£12—£220—£15—£400.
Women	..	£150—£10—£300.

(*c*) The Ministry may withhold one or more increments in respect of any teacher, if, in the judgment of the Ministry, such increments are not deserved either by reason of inefficiency or for any other reason.

The Ministry may at any time require the school authorities to furnish reports or other information in regard to any teacher.

(*d*) These scales will be subject to review at the end of a period of two years from 1st August, 1923.

(*e*) The incremental portion of the scales for secondary teachers will be paid by the Ministry retrospectively in respect of the school year ending 31st July, 1923, in accordance with the provisions of regulation No. 31.

(*f*) The scales of salaries for preparatory teachers shall have effect from a date not earlier than 1st August, 1923.

(*g*) These salaries are based on the assumption that the teachers are non-resident. A reduction not exceeding £50 may be made by the School Authority from the salary where a teacher (including the Principal) receives free board or free lodging or both.

3. The Governing Bodies of all recognised secondary and preparatory schools shall be required out of the funds at their disposal to pay to the authorised teachers the minima of the appropriate scales.

4. The Ministry will provide the remainder of the salaries on these scales (*i.e.*, the incremental portion) of the authorised teachers, by grants payable to the Governors, who shall make the payment and furnish the teachers' receipts to the Ministry.

5. A full-time teacher who is employed partly in the senior department and partly in the preparatory department of a secondary school may, if registered as qualified to give instruction in the senior department, be paid on the scale for secondary teachers if employed in teaching the senior classes for, on an average throughout the year, not less than 10 hours a week.

6. (*a*) Where a teacher is employed by a Governing Body in control of two or more secondary schools, and is engaged in more than one of those schools, he shall be entitled to salary and increments on the same terms and conditions as if he were teaching in a single school.

(*b*) Where a teacher is engaged for at least 18 hours teaching per week in two or more secondary schools under different Boards of Governors, those Boards shall make a joint appointment of the teacher, and shall pay the scale salary of the teacher in such proportion as may be agreed upon between them with the approval of the Ministry.

(*c*) Where a teacher in the employment of a Technical Instruction Committee, and teaching altogether at least 18 hours per week, is utilised for instruction in a secondary school, the Governors of the secondary school shall pay to the Technical Instruction Committee a sum equivalent to their proportion of any scale salary on which the

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teacher may be placed. This sum shall be in proportion to the time given to the schools concerned. The Technical Instruction Committee shall pay the whole salary of the teacher.

7. (*a*) In addition to salaries on the general scales the following grants from the Ministry will be payable in respect of principal teachers :—

£50 a year in the case of schools where not more than four teachers, including the Principal, are employed on the authorised staff ; £100 a year where more than four but not more than seven teachers, including the Principal, are so employed ; £150 a year where more than seven but not more than ten teachers, including the Principal, are so employed ; and £200 a year where more than ten teachers, including the Principal, are so employed.

(*b*) In no school shall more than one teacher be considered as principal teacher for the purpose of the grant.

(*c*) A school containing a secondary department and a preparatory department shall be regarded as a single school.

(*d*) The appropriate scale of grants shall be applicable to all schools whether secondary or preparatory or partly secondary and partly preparatory.

(*e*) This grant shall, in the case of secondary teachers, have retrospective effect as from 1st August, 1922.

8. The Governing Bodies, out of the funds at their disposal, shall be required to pay the following minimum rates of remuneration to teachers who are employed by them, but who are not on the authorised staff of the school :—

Full-time teachers :

Secondary Schools	Men	£160 a year.
	Women	£150 a year.
Preparatory Schools and Departments	Men	£150 a year.
	Women	£140 a year.

Part-time Teachers :

Secondary Schools and Preparatory Schools and Departments	5/6 per hour for men and 5/ per hour for women.

provided that, in cases where agreements, as to salaries which are not in accordance with this regulation, have, prior to the date of these regulations, been made between school authorities and teachers who are not on the authorised staff of the school, such agreements will be permitted to continue in force during the school year ending 31st July, 1924.

A reduction not exceeding £50 may be made by the school authority from the above salaries in like manner as in Regulation 2 (*g*) where a teacher receives free board or free lodging or both.

PLACING OF TEACHERS AT THEIR APPROPRIATE POSITIONS ON THE SCALES OF SALARIES.

9. In placing existing teachers on the new scale one increment shall be granted for each two years of past service ascertained in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 10 to 14 of these regulations.

No teacher will be placed on the scale of salary at the point which would be appropriate in view of his past service unless the Ministry is satisfied that he is in all respects efficient.

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10. In placing secondary teachers at their positions in the scales, the Ministry, subject to the provisions of Regulations 12 to 14, will recognise the following past service :—

(1) Service in any secondary school or university institution recognised for the purpose of registration under the Intermediate Registration Council, or in any secondary or preparatory school in receipt of grants from the Ministry.

(2) Service in any primary school or training college hitherto recognised by the Commissioners of National Education in Ireland, or by the Ministry.

(3) Service in any technical school working under the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, Ireland, or the Ministry.

(4) Service with the forces of the Crown or Allied Powers during the War ; a period of disablement due to the War ; or of internment in any enemy country as a civilian prisoner of War.

(5) Other service which in the opinion of the Ministry should be recognised.

11. (*a*) In placing preparatory teachers at their positions in the scales, the Ministry, subject to the provisions of Rules 12 to 14, will recognise only the following past service :—

(1) Service given in any department of an Intermediate or Secondary School recognised by the Ministry.

(2) Service given before 1st February, 1922, in any department of an Intermediate School recognised by the Intermediate Education Board for Ireland.

(3) Service given in any National School recognised by the Ministry.

(4) Service given before 1st February, 1922, in any National School recognised by the Commissioners of National Education.

(5) Service in any Technical School recognised by the Ministry.

(6) Service given before 1st February, 1922, in any Technical School recognised by the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, Ireland.

(7) Such other equivalent service as may be recognised by the Ministry.

(*b*) No service under any of the headings in Regulations 10 and 11 rendered before the age of 21 will be recognised.

(*c*) In all cases the service of the teacher must be supported by documentary evidence from the authorities of the school in which he claims to have served.

12. If a school has received grants from the Intermediate Education Board, or from the Ministry, service given in the school after the date from which it first received such grants shall, except as provided in Regulation 13, count as recognised service, even though during a portion of the time the school was not inspected by the Inspectors of the Board or of the Ministry.

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13. The following service will not count as recognised service :—

(*a*) Service during the period of non-recognition in a school which has been definitely refused recognition either by the Ministry or by the Intermediate Education Board.

(*b*) Service given in a school before it began to earn grants from the Intermediate Education Board or the Ministry, or after it had ceased to earn grants from the Board or the Ministry, or, unless the Ministry in consideration of special circumstances shall otherwise determine, during an interval when it was not earning grants from the Board or the Ministry.

14. (*a*) A teacher shall be regarded as having given a year's service, for the purpose of these regulations :—

(1) If he has been employed in one school for a period of one year during which he has actually taught for at least 35 weeks and during which he has been normally engaged in class teaching for at least 18 hours per week :

(2) If he has been employed for broken periods for not less than a total of 40 weeks of actual teaching, provided that during each such period he shall have been regularly engaged in class teaching for at least 18 hours per week, and provided also that no period of less than ten continuous weeks, exclusive of vacations, in any one school shall be taken into account :

(*b*) Where a teacher has taught for less than 18 but not less than 10 hours a week, the Ministry may, if it considers that the circumstances warrant it, allow a portion, which in no case should exceed one half of such service, to count as part of the teacher's recognised service.

(*c*) A teacher who has been head teacher of a school during any period shall be deemed to have given the minimum qualifying number of hours during that period.

(*d*) The case of a teacher who has given service in a university institution will be specially considered, but such service should have been not less than 10 hours per week for the full university year.

(*e*) Special consideration will be given to breaks in service due to exceptional causes.

(*f*) Evidence in respect of each period of service must be produced from some person of responsibility who has accurate knowledge of the facts.

STAFFING OF SCHOOLS.

15. (*a*) In any preparatory or secondary school the normal staff, including the principal teacher, of full-time registered teachers for whom salary grants may be paid by the Ministry in respect of an academic year shall be determined by the average number of pupils (over six years of age) on the Rolls of that school for the preceding school year (ended 31st July), and shall be in accordance with the following scale :—

Average number of pupils on Rolls.	Normal Staff.
Less than 40	2
40 but less than 60	3
60 „ „ 80	4

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and so forth, an extra teacher being allowed for each additional 20 pupils on Rolls. Where, however, a staff has been authorised, no diminution will be forced on the school before all the circumstances have been fully considered, and due notice has been given by the Ministry to the Governors and teachers concerned.

(*b*) The Ministry, in exceptional circumstances, may decide that the proportion of teachers to pupils, as set forth above, should be increased or diminished at any particular school.

(*c*) If the Ministry decides that the proportion of teachers to pupils should be increased at a school, it may require the governing body of the school to employ such additional teachers as are needed, and the salary grants will be payable in respect of the additional teachers so appointed.

(*d*) If the Ministry decides that the proportion of teachers to pupils should be diminished at a school, the salary grants will be payable only in respect of the number of teachers which the Ministry decides is needed in that school.

(*e*) Where the number of registered or recognised teachers actually employed in a school is in excess of the number allowed on the authorised staff, the choice of the particular teachers to be placed on the authorised staff shall be made by the authorities of the school in the first instance, but shall be subject to the approval of the Ministry.

16. After three years from the date of the passing of the Education Act (Northern Ireland), 1923, no secondary or preparatory school receiving grants from the Ministry may employ any teacher whose qualifications do not satisfy the Ministry, nor shall the employment of any teacher be continued after his third year of service unless his work is regarded as satisfactory by the Ministry.

17. There shall be a register of recognised teachers of preparatory schools and preparatory departments of secondary schools, having the necessary qualifications, and the conditions for admission to the register shall be prescribed by the Ministry.

18. A teacher shall not be regarded as a member of the authorised staff of a school, unless he is recognised by the Ministry as competent to give instruction in the subjects which he is required to teach in the school.

19. A teacher shall not, as a rule, be recognised as a member of the authorised staff of a school for a school year unless he was registered before 1st October in that school year.

20. (*a*) The first two years of service will be regarded as probationary, and no increment will be payable by the Ministry until the expiration of this period when the teacher will become entitled to receive two increments, provided that he has fulfilled the conditions prescribed by the Ministry for full recognition.

No service other than probationary service as a member of the authorised teaching staff of a recognised school shall be allowed to count for the award of those increments.

(*b*) Should the character of the reports on his work during these two years not entitle him to full recognition, he may be granted another year of probation ; should he then qualify for full recognition, he shall become entitled to two increments as before.

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(*c*) Should the teacher fail to qualify for full recognition at the end of the third year, he shall be no longer eligible for recognition as teacher.

(*d*) In deciding whether a teacher on probation should be granted full recognition, the Ministry will be guided by reports furnished by the principal of the school and by the inspectors of the Ministry.

(*e*) In the case of transfers from primary, secondary or technical schools or University institutions, the period of probation may be shortened at the discretion of the Ministry for recognised teachers of such institutions. In fixing the salaries of these teachers regard will be had to past recognised service.

(*f*) If the first report received from the Ministry's inspector on the work of an unregistered teacher serving in a preparatory school or department be satisfactory, the service of the teacher prior to that date may be regarded as having been satisfactory for probationary purposes.

CALCULATION OF AVERAGE NUMBER OF PUPILS ON ROLLS.

21. In calculating the average number of pupils on the rolls of a school only those pupils who are following recognised courses of instruction shall be taken into account.

TEACHERS OF TRADES PREPARATORY SCHOOLS.

22. The above rules do not apply to teachers of Trades Preparatory Schools.

PAYMENT OF TEACHERS IN SCHOOLS CONDUCTED BY RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES.

23. (*a*) In secondary and preparatory schools conducted by religious communities, while no salary scale shall apply to any member of the community, there shall be paid to the community, in lieu of the increments, in respect of each member of the community who is registered and recognised as on the authorised staff of the school and who teaches at least 18 hours a week, a grant equal to the average amount paid in increments to lay teachers of the same sex and class throughout Northern Ireland.

(*b*) All lay teachers in such a school who are registered and recognised by the Ministry, and who teach 18 hours a week, shall be placed on the authorised staff of the school, and on the appropriate scales of salary, and paid in the same manner as in other schools, provided always that their number does not exceed that of the authorised staff.

(*c*) The total number of teachers placed on the authorised staff shall be in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 15 : the grant in respect of the head teacher shall be in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 7.

DEFINITIONS.

24. The expression " registered teacher " means a teacher—

(1) Whose name is on the Register of Intermediate School Teachers in Northern Ireland,

or

(2) who is fully recognised by the Ministry as a teacher of the Science group of subjects,

or

(3) who is regarded as registered for the purposes of the Interim Grant Rules.

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25. A full-time teacher is a teacher who is either a head master or a head mistress, or who is regularly engaged in actual school teaching for at least 18 hours a week.

26. For the purpose of these regulations the expression "Preparatory School" means a school or department of a school, not being a public elementary school, which charges a scale of fees approved by the Ministry, from which at least 75 per cent. of the pupils leaving annually enter recognised intermediate or secondary schools, and in which instruction deemed suitable for pupils entering such schools is provided. The minimum annual tuition fee charged for the ordinary school course, not including extra subjects, must be not less than £6.

Distribution of Increment Grant for the School Year ending 31st July, 1923.

27. The authorised staff for the school year ending 31st July, 1923, shall be based on the average number of pupils on rolls for the same year.

If found necessary, the authorised staff for the school year ending 31st July, 1924, may be based on the actual number of pupils on rolls on a date to be fixed by the Ministry early in that school year.

28. As no grants are payable for the school year ending 31st July, 1923, in respect of preparatory teachers, the authorised staff of a school for that year shall be fixed with reference solely to the number of pupils on the rolls of the secondary department of the school.

29. No grant whatever shall be paid in respect of a teacher who has not served a probationary period of two full years in schools recognised for that purpose by the Ministry.

30. No increment grant shall be paid for the school year ending 31st July, 1923, in respect of any assistant teacher who has not been regularly engaged in teaching for at least 18 hours per week, of which not less than 10 must have been in the secondary department of the school.

31. The distribution of the Increment Grant for the school year ending 31st July, 1923, shall be made as follows:—

(*a*) The personnel of the authorised staff of each school for the year having first been decided, the amount of increment grant payable to the school in respect of the teachers forming that personnel will next be calculated. From the amount so found there shall be deducted a sum equivalent to the amount of Interim Grant which has been paid in respect of the same teachers for the year. The sum then remaining shall represent the net Increment Grant payable to the school in respect of the school year ending 31st July, 1923.

(*b*) As regards the school years ending 31st July, 1923 and 1924, where a school is owned by the head teacher, it shall be assumed—

(1) that the head teacher is in receipt of the required minimum salary; and (2) that, after the increment grant has been paid by the Ministry to the school, the head teacher has been placed at the proper position in the scale, even although a portion of the incremental grant which was paid in respect of the head teacher may have been used to raise the salaries of the assistants to their proper places in the scale.

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(*c*) Where the Ministry is satisfied that the school authorities cannot provide the funds necessary to pay the basic portion of the salaries of the teachers who are recognised as members of the authorised staff for the school year 1922-23, and that all the funds which could be made available for this purpose have been applied thereto, it may waive, with reference to that year, the requirement in regard to such payment as a condition for allowing the incremental portion of the salaries. In that event, the school authorities shall be required to distribute the increment grant in the following manner :—

(1) If the increment grant is sufficient for the purpose, each teacher (other than the owner) who is recognised as a member of the authorised staff shall receive such a sum as will, together with his whole salary for 1922-23 (including bonus, if any, and share of Interim Grant for the year 1922-23), bring up the total to the amount to which he would be entitled if he were at his proper place on the scale.

Only after this has been done may any surplus be devoted to increasing the salary of the owner, or of any teacher who is already receiving the salary to which his place in the scale would entitle him, or to any other purposes.

(2) If the increment grant is insufficient to allow of all authorised teachers being placed at their proper position in the scale—

First : each teacher (other than the owner) whose salary, including bonus and share of Interim Grant for 1922-23 is at or below the minimum basic rate, shall receive the total amount of the increment paid in respect of him by the Ministry.

Second : from any surplus each teacher (other than the owner) whose salary, including bonus and share of Interim Grant for 1922-23, is above the minimum basic rate, shall, so far as possible, receive sufficient to bring his salary to the proper place in the scale.

Third : any surplus still remaining shall be used to increase as nearly as possible to their proper places in the scales the salaries of any teachers who were receiving less than the minimum basic rates from the school authorities.

The division shall be made so that the difference between the total salaries as paid to those teachers and the salaries to which they would be entitled if they were at their proper places in the scale, shall be as nearly equal as the available surplus admits.

The provisions of this rule may also, in very exceptional circumstances, be allowed to apply to the distribution of the increment grant for the school year 1923-24.

32. The Interpretation Act, 1889, shall apply for the purpose of the interpretation of these regulations as it applies for the purpose of the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

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33. In any case of doubt or difficulty as to the construction of these regulations or as to any claim, right, or liability thereunder, the decision of the Ministry shall be final.

Given under the Seal of the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland this 16th day of October, 1923.

L. McQuibban,
Secretary.

(L.S.)

Teachers' Pension.

THE NORTHERN IRELAND TEACHERS' PENSION RULES, 1923, DATED SEPTEMBER 22, 1923, MADE BY THE GOVERNOR WITH THE CONSENT OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, UNDER SECTION 11 OF THE NATIONAL SCHOOL TEACHERS (IRELAND) ACT, 1879 (42 AND 43 VIC., C. 74).

1923. No. 52.

I, James Albert Edward, Duke of Abercorn, Governor of Northern Ireland, in exercise of the power given to me by the National School Teachers (Ireland) Act, 1879, and of every other power me thereunto enabling, do, with the consent of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland (in these Rules referred to as "the Ministry"), make the following Rules :—

Re-employment of Pensioned Teachers.

(1) Where a teacher has been awarded a pension by reason of infirmity of mind or body and re-enters the Service, he shall not be entitled to benefits under the Rules of 1914, and Rule 12 of the said Rules shall not have effect unless the Ministry of Education certify to the Ministry that such teacher has, previous to superannuation, given efficient service, and unless such teacher submits medical testimony satisfactory to the Ministry that the state of his health has so improved as to fit him for the efficient discharge of his school duties, and that this improvement is likely to be permanent.

(2) A teacher re-entering the Service who retired on Disablement Pension shall be, and a teacher who retired on other grounds than disability, may be required by the Ministry to submit to examination by a Medical Officer nominated by the Ministry in order to test his fitness for re-employment, the cost of such examination to be defrayed by the teacher so examined.

(3) No pensioned teacher re-admitted to the Service shall be eligible for increased pension until five years' regular and continuous service after re-admission has been completed. In the event of failure to qualify for increased pension under this rule, all premiums paid from the date of re-admission, with Compound Interest thereon at the rate of two and a half per cent. per annum shall be returned to the teacher on leaving the Service.

Revocation of War Bonus Option.

(4) Where under the operation of the Irish Teachers' Pension (No. 1) Rule, 1920, a pensioned teacher elected to receive an additional

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pension calculated on War Bonus, it shall be permissible for such pensioned teacher, on signifying his desire in writing to the Ministry of Finance, to withdraw such election and to revert as from 1st July, 1923, to the Pension which would have been awarded to him had he not exercised such election.

Rules one to four foregoing shall have effect as from 1st July, 1923.

Preservation of Superannuation Rights on Transfer of Teachers between Northern Ireland and the Irish Free State.

(5) Where a teacher transfers his service with or without a break from a school in the jurisdiction of the Government of the Irish Free State to a school in the jurisdiction of the Government of Northern Ireland, the service of such teacher prior to transfer shall be reckoned as service for the purposes of the Rules made under the National School Teachers (Ireland) Act, 1879, provided that the Superintendent of the Teachers' Pension Office of the Irish Free State pays to the Teachers' Pension Fund, Northern Ireland, a sum equal to four times the amount of all pension premiums to the credit of the teacher, together with compound interest, at the rate of two and a half per cent. per annum on each premium payment, reckoned up to the date on which such teacher came under the jurisdiction of the Government of Northern Ireland.

(6) Where a teacher transfers his service with or without a break from a school in the jurisdiction of the Government of Northern Ireland to a school in the jurisdiction of the Government of the Irish Free State, the Ministry of Finance shall pay from the Teachers' Pension Fund, Northern Ireland, to the Superintendent of the Teachers' Pension Office of the Irish Free State a sum equal to four times the amount of all pension premiums to the credit of the teacher, together with compound interest, at the rate of two and a half per cent. per annum, on each premium payment reckoned up to the date on which such teacher comes under the jurisdiction of the Government of the Irish Free State.

(7) Where a teacher who has been dismissed or has retired under the conditions of Rule 13 (4) of the Rules of 1914, or Rule 11 (2) of the Rules of 1897, from the service under the jurisdiction of the Government of the Irish Free State, enters the service under the jurisdiction of the Government of Northern Ireland, such teacher may pay to the Teachers' Pension Fund, Northern Ireland, with compound interest at the rate of two and a half per cent. per annum, any sum repaid to him by the Government of the Irish Free State on such dismissal or retirement, and his service, prior to dismissal or retirement, shall in that case be reckoned as service for the purposes of the rules made under the National School Teachers (Ireland) Act, 1879.

(8) Where a teacher who has retired from the service under the jurisdiction of the Government of the Irish Free State with a pension enters the service under the jurisdiction of the Government of Northern Ireland, the service of such teacher, prior to such retirement, shall be reckoned as service for the purposes of the rules made under the National School Teachers (Ireland) Act, 1879, provided that the Super-

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intendent of the Teachers' Pension Office of the Irish Free State pays to the Teachers' Pension Fund, Northern Ireland, a sum calculated as in Rule five of these Rules, but diminished by a sum equal to the total pension payments made, together with compound interest on each several pension payment reckoned at the same rate and up to the same date as in the case of the premium payments.

(9) Where a teacher who has retired from the service under the jurisdiction of the Government of Northern Ireland with a pension enters the service under the jurisdiction of the Government of the Irish Free State his pension shall cease, and the Ministry of Finance shall pay from the Teachers' Pension Fund, Northern Ireland, a sum calculated as in Rule six of these Rules, but diminished by a sum equal to the total pension payments made, together with compound interest on each several pension payment reckoned at the same rate and up to the same date as in the case of the premium payments.

(10) All sums payable or receivable by the Teachers' Pension Fund, Northern Ireland, under Rules five, six, eight or nine of these Rules shall be charged or credited as the case may be as to one-fourth, to the Teachers' Contribution Account, and as to three-fourths to the Endowment Account.

(11) All sums receivable by the Teachers' Pension Fund, Northern Ireland, under Rule seven of these Rules shall be credited to the Teachers' Contribution Account.

(12) For the purpose of these Rules the Government of the Irish Free State shall be deemed to include the Provisional Government.

Rules five to twelve foregoing shall have effect as from the 1st February, 1922.

Given at Belfast this 22nd day of September, 1923.

Abercorn,
Governor of Northern Ireland.

The Ministry of Finance hereby consents to the enactment of the above Rules.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 22nd day of September, 1923, in the presence of

E. Clark,
Secretary.

(L.S.)

ELECTRICITY.

THE ELECTRICITY COMMISSIONERS (NORTHERN IRELAND) (COSTS AND EXPENSES) RULES, 1923, DATED 18TH JULY, 1923, MADE BY THE ELECTRICITY COMMISSIONERS FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER SECTION 34 OF THE ELECTRICITY (SUPPLY) ACT, 1919 (9 & 10 GEO. 5, c. 100).

1923. No. 40.

Cost of inquiries, inspections, etc.

1. All costs and expenses of the Electricity Commissioners for Northern Ireland of and incident to or arising out of any inquiry held or inspection made by them or on their behalf or any application or proceedings before them shall (if so directed) be borne and paid by the

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applicants and other parties concerned, or by such of them and in such proportions at such time and in such manner (including the giving of security for any such costs and expenses) as the Electricity Commissioners for Northern Ireland may direct.

2. These Rules may be cited as the Electricity Commissioners (Northern Ireland) (Costs and Expenses) Rules, 1923, and shall come into operation as from the date hereof. Short Title.

Given under the hand of the Secretary to the Electricity Commissioners for Northern Ireland this eighteenth day of July, 1923.

(Signed) *D. Kerr*,
Secretary to the Electricity Commissioners for Northern Ireland.

GAS.

Carbon Monoxide.

THE GAS (CARBON MONOXIDE) ORDER (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1923, SPECIAL ORDER MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER SUBSECTION (4) OF SECTION 2 OF THE GAS REGULATION ACT, 1920 (10 & 11 GEO. 5, C. 28) LIMITING THE PROPORTION OF CARBON MONOXIDE WHICH MAY BE SUPPLIED IN GAS USED FOR DOMESTIC PURPOSES.

1923. No. 19.

Whereas by subsection (4) of section 2 of the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, the Board of Trade were required, as soon as might be after the passing of the said Act, to cause inquiry to be held into the question whether it is necessary or desirable to prescribe any limitations of the proportion of carbon monoxide which may be supplied in gas used for domestic purposes, and were empowered, if on any such inquiry it should appear desirable, to make a Special Order under the said Act prescribing the permissible proportion in the case of such gas :

And whereas the Board of Trade did cause an inquiry to be held into the said question, but did not make any Special Order thereon before the first day of January, 1922 :

And whereas the said 1st day of January, 1922, was the appointed day for the transfer, under and in pursuance of the provisions of the Government of Ireland Act, 1920, of the powers of the Board of Trade in relation to the matters aforesaid to the Ministry of Commerce for Northern Ireland, so far as the said powers are exercisable in connection with Irish services in Northern Ireland :

And whereas, upon the inquiry held as aforesaid, it appears to the said Ministry of Commerce desirable that an Order should be made as hereinafter set forth :

Now, therefore, the Ministry of Commerce for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on the said Ministry by subsection

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(4) of section 2 of the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, as that Act applies to Northern Ireland under and subject to the provisions of the Government of Ireland Act, 1920, and of all other powers enabling the said Ministry in that behalf, hereby makes, as respects Northern Ireland, the following Order :—

Short Title.

1. This Order may be cited as the Gas (Carbon Monoxide) Order (Northern Ireland), 1923.

Limitation of Carbon Monoxide.

2. No gas undertakers as defined by the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, shall supply any gas for domestic purposes containing carbon monoxide unless such gas possesses the distinctive pungent smell of coal gas.

Given under the Seal of the Ministry of Commerce for Northern Ireland this Ninth day of April, 1923.

(L.S.) *Cecil Litchfield,*
Secretary,
Ministry of Commerce for Northern Ireland.

Gas Fund.

ORDER OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND DATED JANUARY 10TH, 1923, UNDER SECTION 7 OF THE GAS REGULATION ACT, 1920 (10 & 11 GEO. 5, C. 28) PRESCRIBING THE RATE OF CONTRIBUTION TO THE GAS FUND FOR THE YEARS 1922 AND 1923.

1923. No. 3.

In pursuance of the powers conferred upon the Ministry of Commerce for Northern Ireland by Section 7 of the Gas Regulation Act, 1920, the said Ministry hereby prescribes that :—

1. The rate of contribution to the Gas Fund shall be for the year 1922 three shillings for each million cubic feet of gas sold during the year 1921, and for the year 1923 one shilling and sixpence for each million cubic feet of gas sold during the year 1922 ;

2. Such contributions shall on or before the 1st April, 1923, be paid to the Ministry of Commerce for Northern Ireland at 13 Wellington Place, Belfast, by any Gas Undertakers in Northern Ireland with respect to whom an Order under the said Act shall have been made, by cheque made payable to the " Secretary, Ministry of Commerce.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Commerce, this tenth day of January, 1923.

(L.S.) (Signed) *Cecil Litchfield,*
Secretary.

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HOUSING.

Assisted Scheme.

REGULATIONS MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER THE HOUSING (IRELAND) ACT, 1919, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND.

1923. No. 69.

To the Councils of the several County Boroughs, Boroughs, and other Urban Districts in Northern Ireland.

To the several bodies of Town Commissioners in Northern Ireland; And to all others whom it may concern.

WHEREAS by Section 5 (1) of the Housing (Ireland) Act, 1919, it is enacted that if it appears to the Local Government Board that the carrying out by a local authority of any Scheme approved under Section 1 of that Act has resulted, or is likely to result in a loss, the Board shall, if the scheme is carried out within such period after the passing of the above-mentioned Act of 1919 as may be specified by the Board, with the consent of the Treasury, pay or undertake to pay to the local authority, out of moneys provided by Parliament, such part of the loss as may be determined to be so payable under regulations made by the Board, with the approval of the Treasury, subject to such conditions as may be prescribed by those Regulations :—

AND WHEREAS by Section 69 of the Government of Ireland Act, 1920, and the General Adaptation of Enactments (Northern Ireland), Order 1921, made thereunder, the functions of the said Local Government Board and the Treasury are transferred as respects Northern Ireland to the Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland respectively :

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland, in pursuance of Our Powers under the recited enactments and under any other statutes in that behalf, and with the approval of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland, hereby make the following Regulations :—

ARTICLE I.—In these Regulations, unless the contrary intention appears :—

(*a*) The expression "The Ministry" means the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland.

(*b*) The expression "Local Authority" means any Local Authority referred to in Section 5 of the Housing (Ireland) Act, 1919, being the Local Authority of an urban district or town in Northern Ireland.

(*c*) The expression "Northern Ireland" has the same meaning as in the Government of Ireland Act, 1920.

(*d*) The expression "Auditor" means an Auditor appointed by the Ministry.

(*e*) The expression "the Housing Acts" means the Housing of the Working Classes (Ireland) Acts, 1890 to 1921 ;

(*f*) The expression "the Act of 1890" means the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890 ;

(*g*) The expression "the Act of 1919" means the Housing (Ireland) Act, 1919.

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ARTICLE II.—For the purposes of these Regulations :

(1) The Schemes towards the losses on which the Ministry are liable to contribute under Section 5 of the Act of 1919, out of moneys provided by Parliament shall include any scheme in pursuance of Section 1 of the Act of 1919 in so far as the scheme had been approved by the Local Government Board for Ireland prior to the transfer of services to Northern Ireland—

Provided that the payments hereinafter specified shall apply only to such schemes or parts of such schemes in respect of which contractual or other financial commitments approved by the Ministry had been entered into at a date not later than the 31st day of July, 1921, and which have been carried into effect by the 15th day of August 1923, or such later date as the Ministry may allow.

(2) Any scheme or part of a scheme coming within the scope of the foregoing proviso is hereinafter referred to as an "assisted scheme."

(3) An assisted scheme shall be deemed to have been carried into effect when all the houses to be provided thereunder are let or available for letting.

(4) The sums which a local authority is liable to pay or to set apart in respect of moneys borrowed for the purposes of an assisted scheme shall not be included in the annual housing charge of that authority for the purposes of the distribution of the Irish Housing Fund under Section 5 of the Housing of the Working Classes (Ireland) Act, 1908.

ARTICLE III.—(1) In addition to any other accounts which they are required to keep under the housing Acts the Local Authority shall for the purposes of an assisted scheme keep a separate revenue account to be called "The Housing (Assisted Scheme) Account."

(2) They shall cause to be credited to the said account in each financial year :—

(*a*) The rents (inclusive of rates where rates are payable by the owner) in respect of any houses provided by them under the assisted scheme ; and

(*b*) Any other income which may properly be credited to the said account.

(3) They shall cause to be debited to that account in each financial year :—

(*a*) The sums required for the payment of interest and repayment of principal in respect of all moneys borrowed by them for the purposes of the assisted Scheme which may properly be debited to the said account ;

(*b*) The rates, taxes, rents or other charges payable by them in respect of any land or houses acquired, leased or provided by them under the assisted scheme, including any sums payable by way of rent, with the approval of the Ministry, to any other account of the Local Authority, in respect of land acquired by them for some other purpose and appropriated for purposes of the assisted scheme ;

(*c*) The annual premium payable by them in respect of the insurance against fire of any houses provided by them for the purpose of the assisted scheme ;

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(*d*) The expenditure incurred in respect of supervision and management of the houses provided by them under the assisted scheme ;

(*e*) The expenditure incurred by them in and about the repair, improvement, or maintenance of any property acquired or provided by them for the purposes of the assisted scheme, whether such expenditure is incurred by way of a fixed annual contribution to a repairs fund or otherwise ; and

(*f*) Any other expenses which may properly be debited to the said account.

(4) Any deficit shown by the said account at the conclusion of each financial year, in so far as that deficit is not covered by the payment to be made by the Ministry to the Local Authority as hereinafter provided, shall be defrayed by the Local Authority in the manner in which the expenses of schemes undertaken in pursuance of the Act of 1890 are defrayed.

(5) (*a*) The Housing (Assisted Scheme) Account shall be made up and shall be audited by the Auditor in like manner and subject to the same provisions, as the accounts of an Urban District Council, and for this purpose the enactments and regulations relating to the audit of these accounts by Auditors and to all matters incidental thereto, and consequential thereon, shall apply, so far as nescesary ;

(*b*) The Auditor shall give to the Local Authority a certificate stating the deficit shown by the said account at the conclusion of the financial year covered by his audit and the total amount of the rents actually collected during that year ;

(*c*) After the conclusion of each financial year the Local Authority shall forward to the Ministry two copies of the Housing (Assisted Scheme) Account as audited and certified by the Auditor, and two copies of the certificate mentioned in the preceding paragraph.

ARTICLE IV.—(1) (a) Pending the completion and letting of all the houses provided under an assisted scheme, the subsidy from the State for the maximum period of two years from the signing of the contracts for the erection of the Houses under the Scheme, or in the case of Schemes carried out otherwise than by contract, from the date of the resolution of the local authority authorising the commencement of the work, shall be determined by the Ministry on the basis of any actual certified deficit incurred during the preceding year by the local authority under the scheme, subject to the maximum subsidy payable being equal to the loan charges on the first and subsequent instalments of the loan. Provided that in a case where the land acquired for the purposes of the Scheme has not been purchased outright, the ground rent payable thereon by the local authority may for the purposes of this sub-section be regarded as a loan charge.

(*b*) When all the houses to be provided under an assisted scheme have been let, the amount of the subsidy to be paid in any financial year by the Ministry to the Local Authority, shall be determined by the Ministry on the basis of any actual certified deficit incurred during the preceding year by the Local Authority under the Scheme, and shall not in any case exceed a sum equivalent to five-fourths of the amount of the

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rents stated in the Auditor's certificate to have been actually collected.

(2) The subsidy as determined under this Article shall be payable, in respect of each financial year subsequent in whole or part to the period mentioned above in sub-division (1) (*a*) of this Article, during the periods allowed for the repayment of the loans raised by the Local Authority for the purposes of the Assisted Scheme;

Provided that in respect of any financial year subsequent to the 31st day of March, 1927, the ratio of the subsidy to the amount of collected rents shall, in respect of any assisted schemes, be liable to reduction if the Ministry consider that there is sufficient evidence to show that the Local Authority concerned has not exercised due economy in management and has not secured the best rents obtainable.

(3) For the purposes of sub-division (1) (a) of this Article :—

Where the Local Authority apply any capital moneys, including any accumulated funds, belonging to them for defraying any expenditure incurred by them for the purposes of an assisted scheme for which the Local Authority are authorised to borrow moneys, the rate of interest on the capital moneys or funds so applied shall be calculated as follows :—

(*a*) Where moneys have been borrowed by the Local Authority for the purposes of the assisted scheme from sources other than moneys or funds belonging to the Local Authority, the rate of interest shall be the same as that payable on the moneys last previously so borrowed ;

(*b*) Where no moneys have been borrowed by the Local Authority as aforesaid the rate of interest shall be the same as that in force for the time being for Loans for assisted schemes advanced by the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland prior to 21st November, 1921, or since that date by the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland.

ARTICLE V.—These Regulations may be cited as " The Housing (Assisted Scheme) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1923," and shall, unless and until revoked or altered by the Ministry, with the approval of the Ministry of Finance, apply and have effect as and from the 1st day of December, 1921, with respect to any assisted scheme made by a Local Authority.

Provided that, where any difficulty arises with regard to the application of these Regulations, the Ministry may by Order make any such minor modification of these Regulations as may be necessary in regard to any particular scheme for the purpose of giving effect to the intention of these Regulations.

Given under the Seal of the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland this 28th day of August in the year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-Three.

(Signed) *S. Watt,*
Secretary.

(L.S.)

The Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland hereby approves of the foregoing Regulations.

Present when the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance was affixed this First day of September in the year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-Three.

(Signed) *G. C. Duggan,*
Assistant Secretary.

(L.S.)

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INTOXICATING LIQUOR.
Finance.

RULES MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER CLAUSE 3 OF THE INTOXICATING LIQUOR ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1923, 13 & 14 GEO. V., CAP.12.

1923. No. 49.

In pursuance of Clause 3 of the Intoxicating Liquor Act (Northern Ireland), 1923, and of Article 1 of Part II. of the First Schedule thereto the Ministry of Finance hereby makes the following rules :—

1. These rules may be cited as Intoxicating Liquor (Finance) Rules, 1923.

2. In these Rules :—

The expression "the Act" means the Intoxicating Liquor Act (N.I.), 1923.

The expression "the Tribunal" means the Claims Tribunal set up in accordance with Clause 3 (2) of the Act.

The expression "the Fund" means the Claims Fund set up in accordance with Clause 3 (3) (d) of the Act.

The expressions "Ministry of Finance" and "Ministry" mean the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland.

PART I. CLAIMS FUND.

Payment to Fund.

3. Sums levied under Clause 3, sub-section 3 (c) of the Act shall be paid at monthly intervals by the Ministry, or by any Department of the Government of the United Kingdom exercising and performing on behalf of the Ministry, under an arrangement, made under section 63 of the Government of Ireland Act, 1920, the power of levying the payment of corresponding Excise Licence Duties, into the Fund, and in making such payments the Ministry, or the Department acting on their behalf, may retain such amount as they consider necessary for the purpose of making any necessary adjustments or repayments.

Banking Account.

4. All monies forming part of the Fund shall be kept by the Tribunal in an account with the Belfast Banking Company.

Staff.

5. The Ministry shall assign to the Tribunal for the performance of its duties such person or persons to be officers of the Tribunal as to the Ministry shall seem fit and the salaries and remuneration of such persons shall be determined by the Ministry and any such officer or Officers if it so shall seem good to the Ministry shall enter into security to such amount as may be approved by the Ministry for the due accounting of any monies entrusted to his or their charge.

Salaries and expenses of officers and expenses of tribunal.

6. The remuneration of any officers so appointed and any necessary expenses incurred by the officers or by the Tribunal shall be paid out of the Fund, and shall rank with and be otherwise equivalent to expenses chargeable against the Fund under Clause 3 sub-section (3) (e) of the Act. The scale of the expenses shall be regulated by the Ministry.

Departmental expenses

7. The amount of expenses certified by the Ministry to have been incurred by it or by its Agents in collecting the charges above referred to or otherwise in carrying out the duties imposed on the Ministry by the Act, or duties undertaken by the Ministry at the request of the Tribunal, shall be paid out of the Fund.

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Issues from the Fund.

8. Monies authorised by the Tribunal to be paid out of the Fund shall not be paid except on an Order signed by two members of the Tribunal and by the Secretary of the Tribunal, and it shall be open to the Tribunal to advance sums of money not exceeding £20 at any one time to its Secretary or other duly authorised officer for petty disbursements.

Temporary investment of monies.

9. It shall be the duty of the Tribunal to see that any balance in excess of current requirements standing to the credit of the Fund is placed on deposit at interest or with the approval of the Ministry invested in any manner authorised by law for investments by trustees. The interest arising from such deposits or otherwise or from investments shall be credited to the Fund, and any monies removed by the Tribunal from deposit or realised from investments shall be forthwith repaid to the Fund.

Accounts of the Fund.

10. It shall be the duty of the Tribunal to cause Accounts to be kept of all transactions on the Fund and a financial statement to be prepared at the close of each year in the form directed by the Ministry. The Accounts shall be made up for each Calendar year or for such other period as the Tribunal with the approval of the Ministry may determine.

Audit.

11.—(a) The Ministry shall appoint a fit and proper person to be the Auditor of the accounts of the Tribunal. The Auditor may be appointed for a term not exceeding three years from 30th September, 1923, but a retiring Auditor shall be eligible for re-appointment. The remuneration of the Auditor will be such as may be fixed by the Ministry and shall be paid out of the Fund.

(b) As soon as may be after the close of the year or other period for which the accounts are made up, the Tribunal shall submit to the Auditor for examination the detailed accounts together with the vouchers and authorities for receipts and payments and shall also submit a financial statement for each year or other period for which the accounts are made up. A copy of such accounts and statement, as certified by the Auditor, shall be sent by the Tribunal to the Ministry together with a copy of any Report made by the Auditor in regard thereto. The Auditor shall have free access at all convenient times to the books and other documents relating to the Accounts.

Advances from the Exchequer.

12.—(a) All monies advanced under Clause (3) sub-section 3 (f) of the Act out of the Consolidated Fund of Northern Ireland to the Fund shall be repaid within such period not exceeding twenty years as the Ministry shall determine in each case. Each application by the Tribunal to the Ministry for an advance out of the Consolidated Fund shall state the period for which it is proposed that the advance shall be made, and the reasons which in the opinion of the Tribunal render the advance necessary, and the Tribunal shall furnish to the Ministry such other information as the Ministry may require prior to the making of the advance.

(b) The rate of interest payable on each advance shall be determined by the Ministry at the time of the advance.

Repayment of advances

13. The Tribunal shall provide for the repayment of advances either by equal yearly or half-yearly instalments of principal, or of principal and interest combined, and such repayment shall be a first charge upon the Fund. It shall be open to the Tribunal at any time to redeem from surplus monies standing to the credit of the Fund the outstanding Principal or any portion thereof, and if the Ministry on an

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examination of the periodical accounts of the Fund is satisfied that such redemption in whole or part should take place, the Tribunal shall carry out the directions of the Ministry in the matter. Such redemptions shall be without prejudice to the making of fresh advances from the Consolidated Fund.

PART II. COMPENSATION CLAIMS.

Mode of presenting claims.

14. Claims for compensation shall be made in such form and supported by such declarations and other evidence as the Tribunal may require.

Valuation of premises.

15. For the purpose of Article 1 of Part II. of the First Schedule to the Act, which relates to compensation in respect of the depreciation in the value of premises, and for that purpose only, the enhanced value of the premises by reason of the existence of the licence shall be deemed to have been taken into consideration when the value appearing in the Valuation Lists was fixed, and the Commissioner of Valuation for Northern Ireland, in certifying the annual value of such premises after they cease to be licensed, shall estimate the value to be such sum as would, in his opinion, represent the value of the premises at the time when the value appearing in the Valuation Lists was fixed, and as though at such time no licence had been in existence.

The Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance was affixed hereto the 2nd day of November, 1923, in the presence of

(L.S.) *G. C. Duggan,*
Assistant Secretary.

LIVE STOCK BREEDING.

Bulls.

THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE BY VIRTUE AND IN EXERCISE OF THE POWER FOR THIS PURPOSE VESTED IN IT BY THE LIVE STOCK BREEDING ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1922, AND OF EVERY OTHER POWER IN THAT BEHALF ENABLING IT, HEREBY MAKES THE RULES FOLLOWING, THAT IS TO SAY :—

1923. No. 26.

(See Amending Order S. R. & O. (N.I.), 1923, No. 59. *passive.*

1923. No. 59.

(*Amending S. R. & O. No.* 26 *of* 1923).

THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE BY VIRTUE AND IN EXERCISE OF THE POWER FOR THIS PURPOSE VESTED IN IT BY THE LIVE STOCK BREEDING ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1922, AND OF EVERY OTHER POWER IN THAT BEHALF ENABLING IT, HEREBY MAKES THE RULES FOLLOWING, THAT IS TO SAY :—

I. SHORT TITLE.

1. These Rules may be cited as the Live Stock Breeding (Northern Ireland) Rules, 1923.

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II. Definitions.

2. In these Rules unless the context shall require a different construction :—

(1) The expression " Act " shall mean the Live Stock Breeding (Northern Ireland) Act, 1922.

(2) The expression " the Ministry " shall mean the Ministry of Agriculture, Northern Ireland.

(3) The expression " owner " shall have the same meaning as in the Act.

(4) Words in the singular shall include the plural and words in the plural shall include the singular.

(5) The expression " bull " shall mean any uncastrated male of the bovine species of the prescribed age.

(6) The expression " writing " shall include print and writing or print produced by any mechanical or chemical process.

(7) The expression " certified " means certified by the Registrar of Licences or other duly authorised officer of the Ministry.

III. Prescribed Age of Bulls

3. For the purposes of the Act and these Rules bulls born in the months of January and February in any year shall be deemed to be of the prescribed age on the 30th September in that year ; bulls born in March, April, May, June, July and August in any year shall be deemed to be of the prescribed age on the 31st March in the year next following the date of birth ; bulls born in September, October, November or December shall be deemed to be of the prescribed age on the 30th September in the year next following date of birth. Provided that all bulls born on or before the 28th February, 1923, shall be deemed to be of the prescribed age on the 1st January, 1924.

IV. Application for Licence.

4. An application for a licence to keep a bull shall be made in the form or to the effect stated at (A) in the schedule to these Rules and shall be lodged with the Ministry not later than the 1st day of February in any year in the case of bulls born in March, April, May, June, July and August of the preceding year, and not later than the 1st day of August in any year in the case of bulls born in the months of January and February of that year, or in the months of September, October, November and December of the preceding year.

V. Conditions as to Inspection and Examination.

5. The Ministry shall notify in such manner as it thinks fit the names of the places and dates at which bulls will be inspected and examined for licences and the owners shall provide all reasonable

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facilities for the inspection and examination of their bulls at the said places provided that a bull that has previously been inspected for any other purpose on behalf of the Ministry may with the consent of the Ministry be exempted from the inspection and examination prescribed by this Rule.

VI. Notices and Services thereof.

6.—(1) Any notice required or authorised by these Rules shall be in writing.

(2) Any notice required or authorised by these Rules to be served shall be deemed to be sufficiently served if it is sent by post addressed to the person to be served at his last known place of abode or business, and service shall be deemed to be made at the time at which the notice would in the ordinary course of post be delivered.

VII. Form of Licence.

7. A licence to keep a bull shall be in the form or to the effect stated at (B) in the schedule to these Rules.

VIII. Fee for Licence and Certified Copy thereof.

8. The fee payable for a licence to keep a bull shall be five shillings, and one certified copy of the licence may be obtained by the owner of the bull without further charge.

IX. Permit to keep an Unlicensed Bull for Fattening.

9. The owner of a bull intended to be fattened off for slaughter shall make application for such a permit in the form or to the effect stated at (C) in the schedule to these Rules, and shall, if required, present such bull for inspection at such place and at such time as may be specified in any notice issued by the Ministry.

IX. Fee for Permit.

10. The fee payable for a permit to keep an unlicensed bull to be fattened off for slaughter shall be one shilling.

XI. Marking of Bulls.

11. In cases where the Ministry decides to mark bulls the mark shall consist of a right hand or such other mark as may be registered by the Ministry and shall be tattooed on the right ear or other appropriate place. The said mark may be used in conjunction with a letter or numbers or both.

XII. Appeals.

12. Where the Ministry refuses to grant a licence in respect of any bull or revokes or suspends any licence the owner of the bull may within a period of 14 days from the date of service on him of notice of

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such refusal, suspension or revocation and on payment to the Ministry of a fee of £2 2s. 0d. lodge an appeal in the form or to the effect stated at (D) in the schedule to these Rules against such refusal, revocation or suspension with the object of having the bull inspected and examined by such member or members of the Panel of Referees appointed under the Act by the Governor of Northern Ireland as may be selected by the Ministry.

The fee payable on an application under this Rule shall if the Ministry does not confirm the decision to which the application relates be returned to the applicant by the Ministry.

XIII. Change of Ownership, Death or Castration of Bull.

13. Notice of any sale or hiring or other change in the ownership or control of a bull in respect of which a licence or a permit is in force or of its castration or death shall be given by the owner in writing to the Ministry within seven days of such sale, hiring or change of ownership or control. Such notice shall be in the form or to the effect stated at (E) in the schedule to these Rules, and shall be delivered at or forwarded by post to the Ministry's Head Office in Belfast.

XIV. Surrender of Licence or Permit.

14. The owner of a bull in respect of which a licence or permit was issued shall, in the event of the licence or permit being revoked, suspended or cancelled, return such licence (together with the certified copy, if any) or permit to the Ministry within seven days from the service on him of notice of such revocation, suspension or cancellation.

XV. Appointed Day.

15. The Ministry hereby determines the sixteenth day of May, 1923, as the appointed day for the purpose of that portion of Section 14, sub-section 1, of the Act which provides that the Ministry may determine a day earlier than the first day of January, nineteen hundred and twenty-four, as the appointed day for the purposes of the provisions of the Act enabling applications for licences or permits to be made to, or rules to be made by, the Ministry, and authorising the inspection, examination and marking of bulls, the entry of premises, and the granting of licences and permits; and these Rules shall accordingly come into operation on the said sixteenth day of May, 1923.

XVI. General.

16. The Ministry may from time to time rescind, amend or vary these Rules or any of them as occasion may require.

IN WITNESS whereof the official seal of the Ministry of Agriculture, Northern Ireland, is hereunto affixed this sixteenth day of May, nineteen hundred and twenty-three.

(Signed) *James S. Gordon.*

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Schedule.

(A.)

GOVERNMENT OF NORTHERN IRELAND.

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE.

LIVE STOCK BREEDING ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1922.

Live Stock Breeding (Northern Ireland) Rules, 1923.

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR LICENCE TO KEEP A BULL.

I,.....of.....

.....

hereby apply in pursuance of the Live Stock Breeding (Northern Ireland) Rules, 1923, for a licence in respect of the undermentioned bull which belongs to me

(1) absolutely
(2) as lessee
(3) as part owner with.....

.....of.....

Name of Bull.....Born in.....of the year.....
Breed.....Colour.....Ear Mark (if any).....
Identification Marks.....
*Sire of Bull.....by.....
Dam of Bull.....by.....
G. Dam of Bull .....by.....
Gr. G. Dam of Bull.....by.....
Herd Book reference (if any), Name of Book.....
No. of Volume.....Page.....
Number of years Bull has been at Service.....
The Bull, if licensed, will stand at.....

.....

which place is situated in the Townland of.....
in the County of.....
Name (in full) and postal address of Owner (a).....

.....

I certify that the foregoing particulars are correct and that I (b).....am/are prepared to comply with the conditions as to inspection and examination prescribed by the above-mentioned Rules.

I enclose (c) ..... for 5s. being the amount of the prescribed fee for a licence.

Signature of Owner.....
Address.....

.....

Nearest Railway Station.....
Distance therefrom.....miles.
Nearest Post Office.....
Distance therefrom.....miles.
Centre at which inspection is desired.....

.....

Distance therefrom.....miles.
Date.....19.....

(a) Where there are co-owners the names and addresses of all should be inserted.

*Pedigree need be given only in the case of a pure bred bull. If not pure bred simply insert the words "cross bred" in the spaces provided for pedigree.

(b) add "and my co-owner(s)" if case so requires.

(c) State whether cheque, postal order or money order.

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(B.)

GOVERNMENT OF NORTHERN IRELAND.

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE.

LIVE STOCK BREEDING ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1922.

Live Stock Breeding (Northern Ireland) Rules, 1923.

No.....

LICENCE.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the undermentioned Bull, of which.....of.....

and.....of.....

.....County....., is or are together the owner(s) within the meaning of the above-mentioned Act, is licensed under the said Act.

DESCRIPTION OF BULL.

Name.....Breed.....Age.....

Colour.....Ear Mark.....

Identification Marks.....

Dated this.....day of.....19.....

.....

Registrar.

James S. Gordon,
Secretary.

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(C.)

GOVERNMENT OF NORTHERN IRELAND.

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE.

LIVE STOCK BREEDING ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1922.

Live Stock Breeding (Northern Ireland) Rules, 1923.

Entry No.....

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO KEEP (AN) UNLICENSED BULL(S) WHILE BEING FATTENED OFF FOR SLAUGHTER.

I, ...

of.....

hereby apply for (a) Permit(s) to keep the undermentioned Bull(s) on my premises at.....
while being fattened off for slaughter.

I enclose *.....for..... being the amount of fees at the prescribed rate of 1/- for each bull.

(*) State whether Cheque, Postal Order or Money Order.

Signature of Applicant.....

Full Postal Address.....

.....

Date.....19.....

DESCRIPTION OF BULLS.

No.	Name.	Breed.	Age.	Colour.	Ear Mark (if any)	Identification Marks.
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						

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Entry No.....

(D.)

GOVERNMENT OF NORTHERN IRELAND.

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE.

LIVE STOCK BREEDING ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1922.

Live Stock Breeding (Northern Ireland) Rules, 1923.

NOTICE OF APPEAL.

I, ...

of.....

being the owner of the undermentioned Bull hereby appeal against

(state reason for appeal (a)).....

.....

and apply to have the Bull aforesaid inspected by a referee or referees selected by the Ministry in accordance with the provisions of the Live Stock Breeding Act (Northern Ireland), 1922.

(a) "The refusal of the Ministry to grant a licence in respect of the said bull" or "The revocation, suspension or cancellation by the Ministry of a licence granted in respect of the said bull."

I attach hereto (b) .....for Two Guineas being the appeal fee prescribed by the Live Stock Breeding (Northern Ireland) Rules, 1923.

(b) State whether Cheque, Postal Order or Money Order.

DESCRIPTION OF BULL.

Name.....Breed.....Age .....

Colour.....Ear Mark.....

Identification Marks.....

Owner, ...

Date,.....19.....

The Secretary,
Ministry of Agriculture,
Northern Ireland,
BELFAST.

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(E.)

GOVERNMENT OF NORTHERN IRELAND.

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE.

LIVE STOCK BREEDING ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1922.

Live Stock Breeding (Northern Ireland) Rules, 1923.

NOTIFICATION AS TO CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP, DEATH OR CASTRATION OF A BULL FOR WHICH A LICENCE OR PERMIT HAS BEEN ISSUED.

I, ...

of.....

being the owner of the Bull described below in respect of which a

*Licence / Permit No....., dated.....19..... was issued hereby give notice to the Ministry that on the.....day

of.....19..... the said Bull

* Strike out whichever is inapplicable.

1.—was sold to.....

2.—was let for a period exceeding one month to

.....

of.....

3.—died.....

4.—was castrated.

5.—(a) .....

(a) Mention any other change of ownership.

I herewith return the above-mentioned *Licence / Permit No..... together with the certified copy thereof.

*Strike out whichever is inapplicable.

Signature of Owner.....

Address.....

.....

Date.....19.....

DESCRIPTION OF BULL.

Name.....Breed.....Age.....

Colour.....Ear Mark.....

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NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE.

Approved Societies (Amendment).

THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE (APPROVED SOCIETIES) AMENDMENT REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1923,* DATED SEPTEMBER 10, 1923, MADE BY THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE JOINT COMMITTEE AND THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR FOR NORTHERN IRELAND, ACTING JOINTLY, UNDER THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE ACTS, 1911 TO 1922.

1923. No. 27.

The National Health Insurance Joint Committee and the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland, acting jointly, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by the National Health Insurance Acts (Northern Ireland), 1911 to 1922, and of all other powers enabling them on that behalf, and with the consent of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland, hereby make the following Regulations :—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the National Health Insurance (Approved Societies) Amendment Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1923, and these Regulations and the National Health Insurance (Approved Societies) Consolidated Regulations, 1918 to 1922, may be cited together as the National Health Insurance (Approved Societies) Consolidated Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1918 to 1923.

2. The following definition shall be added to paragraph (1) of Article 3 of the National Health Insurance (Approved Societies) Consolidated Regulations, 1918 (hereinafter referred to as "the principal Regulations") :—

> "The Act of 1922 (Northern Ireland)" means the National Health Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1922 (12 & 13 Geo. 5, ch. 15).

3. The following sub-paragraphs shall be added to paragraph (2) of Article 11 of the principal Regulations :—

> "(m) all sums repayable to the Society out of moneys payable to the Ministry of Labour out of the Central Fund in pursuance of sub-section (1) of Section 1 of the Act of 1922 (Northern Ireland) ;
>
> "(n) all sums payable to the Society out of moneys provided by Parliament in pursuance of the proviso to sub-section (2) of Section 1 of the Act of 1922 (Northern Ireland)" ;

4. The following Article shall be added immediately after Article 17 of the principal Regulations :—

> "(1) The sum to be applied by the Ministry of Labour in accordance with the provisions of sub-section (1) of Section 1 of the Act of 1922 (Northern Ireland) in respect of each of the total

* These Regulations supersede the Provisional Regulations which were made, and came into force, on May 1, 1923.

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number of the members of the Society shall, subject as hereinafter provided, be at the yearly rate of two shillings and three pence ; and the sums so payable shall be debited to the Society in the Approved Societies' Current Account.

" (2) For the purpose of sub-section (1) of Section 1 of the the Act of 1922 (Northern Ireland) and of the immediately preceding paragraph of these Regulations the total number of members of a Society shall be ascertained by adding the number of members of the Society at the end of the year to the number of members at the end of the preceding year and dividing the total by two, no account being taken of fractions ; and for this purpose " member " does not include a member of a Society who is of the age of 70 years or upwards, or a seaman, marine, soldier or airman in the service of the Crown, or a member who, being a married woman, has ceased to be a person whose normal occupation is employment within the meaning of Section 22 of the Act of 1918, or has on marriage ceased to be a voluntary contributor, and in whose case more than twelve months have elapsed since the date of unemployment or the date of marriage, as the case may be.

" (3) In the event of the sums prescribed in paragraph (1) of this Article being more than sufficient for the purposes for which they are required under the provisions of Section 1 of the Act of 1922 (Northern Ireland), for the period during which that Section continues in force the Ministry shall credit to each Society its due proportion of the excess."

5. In paragraph (1) of Article 25 of the National Health Insurance (Approved Societies) Consolidated Regulations, 1918 (which relates to the rate of interest to be credited to Approved Societies on sums standing to their credit in the Investment Account), there shall be substituted for the words " four per centum per annum " the words " four and one-half per centum per annum."

This Article shall have effect as from the 1st day of January, 1923.

6. The following paragraph shall be added immediately after paragraph (b) of Article 43 of the principal Regulations :—

" (bb) any other improper payment of benefit where the Society or branch satisfies the Minister that the payment in question has not been made in wilful breach of the provisions of the National Health Insurance Acts (Northern Ireland), 1911 to 1922, or of any regulations made thereunder, and that, in the special circumstances of the case, the payment may reasonably be treated as expenditure on benefits."

7. Article 49 of the principal Regulations, as substituted by Article 7 of the National Health Insurance (Approved Societies) Amendment Regulations, 1922, shall have effect as if in paragraph (4) thereof the words " within the period prescribed by regulations made for the purposes of Section 17 (b) of the Act of 1918 " were substituted for the words " within four weeks of the date of the notice thereof."

8. In paragraph (1a) of Article 46 of the principal Regulations (which paragraph was added to the said Regulations by Article 6 (1) of the National Health Insurance (Approved Societies) Amendment

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Regulations, 1922) for the words "such sum as may hereafter be prescribed" there shall be substituted the following words :—

"a sum at a rate not exceeding the proportion stated below of the amount paid by the Society or branch out of sums available under the scheme for provision of that benefit in the year, viz. :—

(a) for the year 1921, ten per cent.,
(b) for the year 1922, seven and one-half per cent.,
(c) for the year 1923 and each subsequent year, five per cent.:

Provided that in respect of the period up to the 31st day of December, 1922, the following proportions may, if a Society so desires, be substituted in the case of that Society for those stated above, viz.:—

(a) for the year 1921, nothing,
(b) for the year 1922, ten per cent.

Provided also that in respect of any amount so paid by the Society or Branch which is declared by the Ministry of Labour to be capital expenditure, there shall be substituted for the above proportions such portion of the amount as the Ministry of Labour may determine.

The Schedule to the National Health Insurance (Approved Societies) Amendment Regulations, 1922, shall be read and have effect for the year 1921 and subsequent years as though the following provisions were inserted therein after paragraph (2) :—

"(2a) If a Society or Branch whose scheme for the distribution of additional benefits includes an increase of sickness or disablement or maternity benefit has accepted a transfer of the engagements of a Society or Branch which has no scheme providing for an increase of any of such benefits, then for the purpose of determining what further amount may be carried to the administration account under the proviso to the foregoing paragraph, the number of members shall, so long as persons who were members of the last-mentioned Society or Branch are not entitled to such increase, be reduced by a number representing the membership of that Society or Branch during the latest year during the whole of which that Society or Branch was empowered to transact business under the Acts.

"(2b) If a Society or Branch which has no scheme providing for an increase of sickness or disablement or maternity benefit has accepted a transfer of the engagements of, or has amalgamated with, a Society or Branch having a scheme which does so provide, there may, during the currency of such scheme, be carried to the administration account of the first-mentioned Society or Branch, or, in the case of an amalgamation, of the amalgamated Society or Branch, in addition to the amount referred to in paragraph (2) of this Schedule an amount calculated at the rates specified in the proviso thereto for every person who was a member of the Society or Branch having a scheme providing for such increase during the latest year during the whole of which that Society or Branch was empowered to transact business under the Acts."

9. As from the 1st day of January, 1924, for the purpose of calculating the maximum sum which may be carried to the administration account of a society or branch for the year out of contributions

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payable under the principal Act, "two shillings and twopence halfpenny" shall be substituted for "two shillings and fivepence," and "four shillings and fivepence" for "four shillings and tenpence" in sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) respectively of paragraph (2) of the Schedule to the National Health Insurance (Approved Societies) Amendment Regulations, 1922, and as from the date aforesaid the National Health Insurance (Approved Societies) Consolidated Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1918 to 1923, shall be read accordingly.

Given under the Official Seal of the National Health Insurance Joint Committee, this 10th day of September, in the year one thousand, nine hundred and twenty-three.

(L.S.) *W. F. Wackrill,*

Secretary to the National Health Insurance Joint Committee.

Given under the Official Seal of the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland, this 10th day of September, in the year one thousand, nine hundred and twenty-three.

(L.S.) *J. A. Dale,*

Secretary to the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland.

The Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland hereby consent to these Regulations.

Given under the Official Seal of the said Ministry this 10th day of September, in the year one thousand, nine hundred and twenty-three.

(L.S.) *E. Clark,*

Secretary to the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland.

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Deposit Contributors (Amendment).

THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE (DEPOSIT CONTRIBUTORS) AMENDMENT REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1923, DATED FEBRUARY 26, 1923, MADE BY THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE JOINT COMMITTEE AND BY THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR FOR NORTHERN IRELAND, AMENDING THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE (DEPOSIT CONTRIBUTORS) REGULATIONS (IRELAND), 1918-1921.

1923. No. 17.

In exercise of the several powers conferred on them by the National Health Insurance Acts (Northern Ireland), 1911 to 1922, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, the National Health Insurance Joint Committee and the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland acting jointly so far as regards Regulations which the said Joint Committee are empowered to make jointly with the said Ministry and acting separately so far as regards Regulations which the said

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Joint Committee or the said Ministry are empowered to make alone hereby make the following Regulations :—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the National Health Insurance (Deposit Contributors) Amendment Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1923, and shall be read as one with the National Health Insurance (Deposit Contributors) Regulations (Ireland), 1918 to 1921, so far as those Regulations refer to Northern Ireland and these Regulations and the National Health Insurance (Deposit Contributors) Regulations (Ireland), 1918 to 1921, so far as aforesaid may be cited as the National Health Insurance (Deposit Contributors) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1918 to 1923.

2. Article 6 of the National Health Insurance (Deposit Contributors) Regulations (Ireland), 1918, shall be read and have effect as if the following paragraph were added after Paragraph (1) thereof.

" (1a) In the case of a person who has ceased to be a deposit contributor by reason of becoming a member of a Society and in respect of whom no contributions have been paid for the half year in which he was admitted to membership of the Society the week preceding the first week of the half year in which he was admitted to membership shall, for the purposes of Sub-Section (1) of Section 13 of the National Health Insurance Act, 1918, be treated as the week in which he was last employed."

3.—(1) A transfer fee, calculated in the manner provided in this Article, shall be payable in respect of every person who ceases to be a deposit contributor by reason of becoming a member of a Society.

(2) The total amount of transfer fees so payable in any year shall be ascertained by multiplying three shillings by the number of persons who ceased to be deposit contributors by reason of becoming members of Societies in that year and that amount shall be deducted from the sum of the balance standing to the accounts of those persons and shall be paid to the Exchequer towards the expenses incurred by them on behalf of the Ministry in the administration of benefits of deposit contributors

4. The following paragraph shall be substituted for paragraph (1) of Article 20 of the National Health Insurance (Deposit Contributors) Regulations (Ireland), 1918 :—

The sum which may be charged to the account of each deposit contributor towards the expenses of administering benefits shall be at the rate of five shillings and three pence per annum, provided that nothing shall be charged to the account of a person who has attained the age of 70 before the 1st day of April in any year.

5. Where, under the National Health Insurance (Deposit Contributors) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1918 to 1923, a sum is required to be debited to the account of a deposit contributor or credited by way of repayment to his account in respect of a past period in which the rate of charge was different from the rate current at the date on which the debit or credit is made such sum shall be calculated at the current rate and the debit or credit shall be made accordingly

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and apportioned as between the cost of Sanatorium Benefit and administration on the basis applicable at the date on which the debit or credit is made.

6. The provisions of Section 1 of the National Health Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1922, shall apply as respects deposit contributors in like manner as they apply as respects members of a Society subject to the following modifications :—

(1) The sums to be paid under sub-section 1 modified as herein provided shall be paid out of the Deposit Contributors' Fund and there shall be no repayment to the Fund out of the Central Fund.

(2) The sum payable under the said sub-section 1, for the purpose of defraying the expenses incurred by the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland in connection with the administration of benefits for a deposit contributor shall be at the rate of two shillings and three pence per year provided that in the event of the sum payable as aforesaid being more than sufficient for the purposes aforesaid such excess shall be recredited to the Fund.

(3) There shall be charged to the account of each deposit contributor such proportion of the sums payable as aforesaid as is payable under Section 3 of the National Insurance Act, 1911, out of contributions paid by or in respect of the contributor.

(4) In the application of sub-section 2 to and as respects deposit contributors reference to the benefit fund of a Society and to a Society shall be construed as references to the Deposit Contributors Fund and the sum to be credited to the Fund out of monies provided by Parliament in accordance with the proviso to the sub-section shall be calculated and credited in the same manner as in the case of a Society.

7. These Regulations shall be deemed to have had effect as from the 1st April, 1922.

Given under the Official Seal of the National Health Insurance Joint Committee this 26th day of FEBRUARY, in the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three.

W. F. Wackrill,
Secretary to the National Health Insurance Joint Committee.

Given under the Official Seal of the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland this 26th day of FEBRUARY, in the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three.

J. A. Dale,
Secretary to the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland.

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Exempt Persons.

THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE (EXEMPT PERSONS) REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1923, DATED FEBRUARY 23, 1923, MADE BY THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE JOINT COMMITTEE AND THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR FOR NORTHERN IRELAND ACTING JOINTLY UNDER THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1911 TO 1922.

1923. No. 18.

The National Health Insurance Joint Committee and the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland acting jointly in pursuance of the powers conferred on them by the National Health Insurance Acts (Northern Ireland), 1911 to 1922, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf hereby make the following regulations :—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the National Health Insurance (Exempt Persons) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1923, and shall be read as one with the National Health Insurance (Exempt Persons) Consolidated Regulations (Ireland) 1918 to 1920 to the extent to which those Regulations are in force in Northern Ireland, and these Regulations and the National Health Insurance (Exempt Persons) Consolidated Regulations (Ireland) 1918 to 1920 to the extent aforesaid may be cited together as the National Health Insurance (Exempt Persons) Consolidated Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1918 to 1923.

2. In these Regulations " the Principal Regulations " means the National Health Insurance (Exempt Persons) Consolidated Regulations (Ireland) 1918 in so far as they are in force in Northern Ireland.

3. In Article 11 of the Principal Regulations the words " (b) Medical benefit while an exempt person is in Great Britain " shall be omitted.

4. The following paragraph shall be added after Article 19 (1) of the Principal Regulations—

In addition to the sums aforesaid there shall be transferred for the period from 1st day of April, 1922, until the 31st day of December, 1923, from the Exempt Persons Fund for the purpose of defraying the expenses incurred by the Ministry of Labour in connection with Medical Certification a sum at the yearly rate of 1s. 1½d. in respect of each of the total number of persons entitled to benefits under these Regulations and the provisions of the Principal Act relating to the application of monies provided by Parliament towards the cost and the expenses of the administration of benefits shall not apply to any sums so transferred ; provided that, in the event of the sum payable as aforesaid being more than sufficient for the purpose aforesaid, such excess shall be re-credited to the Fund.

5. Article 19 (1) (a) of the Principal Regulations shall cease to have effect.

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6. In Article 19 (2) of the Principal Regulations the words "three shillings" shall be substituted for "one shilling and sixpence."

7. These Regulations shall have effect as from the first day of April, 1922.

Given under the Official Seal of the National Health Insurance Joint Committee this 23rd day of February, one thousand nine hundred and twenty three.

(L.S.) *W. F. Wackrill,*
Secretary to the National Health Insurance Joint Committee.

Given under the Official Seal of the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland this 23rd day of February, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three.

(L.S.) *J. A. Dale,*
Secretary to the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland.

NURSES.

Qualifications of Nurses Employed in Workhouse and District Hospitals.

MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS FOR NORTHERN IRELAND.

TO THE BOARD OF GUARDIANS OF EACH UNION; TO THE COMMITTEE OF GOVERNORS OF EACH DISTRICT HOSPITAL; AND TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

1923. No. 21.

WHEREAS by an Order dated 5th July, 1901, the Local Government Board for Ireland did, amongst other things, make Regulations respecting the employment of Nurses in Workhouses in Ireland and did prescribe the qualifications required to be possessed by trained Nurses and qualified Nurses respectively:

AND WHEREAS by the District Hospitals Order 1918 the said Board did further prescribe the qualifications to be possessed by persons appointed to the office of Superintendent Nurse and Matron and of Nurse to a District Hospital:

AND WHEREAS the powers and duties of the said Board in this respect have been transferred to the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland as regards the administration of services in Northern Ireland:

AND WHEREAS in pursuance of the Joint Nursing and Midwives Council Act, Northern Ireland, 1922, a Joint Nursing and Midwives Council for Northern Ireland has been established (hereinafter referred to as "the Council"):

AND WHEREAS the said Council has formed a Register for Nurses for the sick:

AND WHEREAS it appears expedient to make further Regulations respecting the employment and qualifications of Nurses in

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Workhouses and of Superintendent Nurses and Matrons and of Nurses in District Hospitals :

NOW THEREFORE the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland by virtue of all the powers enabling it in that behalf hereby orders and directs as follows :—

On and from the 1st day of July, 1923, the provisions of the said Order of the Local Government Board for Ireland dated 5th July, 1901, and of the District Hospitals Order 1918 in so far as they refer to the qualifications required to be possessed by Nurses in Workhouses and by Superintendent Nurses and Matrons and by Nurses in District Hospitals shall cease to have effect, and no person shall be appointed as a Nurse in a Workhouse of any Union or as Superintendent Nurse or Matron or as a Nurse in any District Hospital in Northern Ireland unless the name of such person is entered in the general or the appropriate supplementary part of the Register of Nurses for the sick in Northern Ireland.

GIVEN under the Seal of the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland this 12th day of April, 1923.

(L.S.) *R. Dawson Bates.*

I, Abercorn, Governor of Northern Ireland, hereby approve of this Order.

16th April, 1923.

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS.

Returning Officers' Expenses.

REGULATIONS, DATED 23RD AUGUST, 1923, MADE BY THE MINISTER OF FINANCE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER SECTION 29 OF THE REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACT, 1918 (7 AND 8 GEO. 5, C. 64), IN ITS APPLICATION TO NORTHERN IRELAND, PRESCRIBING SCALE OF MAXIMUM CHARGES OF RETURNING OFFICERS AT ELECTIONS OF MEMBERS TO THE PARLIAMENT OF NORTHERN IRELAND.

1923. No. 39.

In pursuance of the powers conferred upon the Ministry of Finance (hereinafter referred to as "The Ministry") by Section 29 of the Representation of the People Act, 1918, as that Act applies to Northern Ireland under the provisions of the Government of Ireland Act, 1920, and of any Order made by His Majesty in Council under the last-mentioned Act, the Ministry hereby prescribes that the Returning Officer shall be entitled in respect of the conduct of Parliamentary Elections (other than University Elections) of members to the Parliament of Northern Ireland to his reasonable charges not exceeding the sums hereinafter set forth, provided that the charges for disbursements are in no case to exceed the sums actually and necessarily paid or payable.

This scale will be applicable to elections conducted after the 1st day of January, 1923, subject to any alterations which may from time to time be made.

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A.—For Services of Returning Officers.

I.—*In a Contested Election.*

(i) Fee for conducting the election and generally performing all the duties which a returning officer is required to perform under any enactments relating to parliamentary elections (other than any duties in connection with voting by absent voters for which a separate fee is prescribed by this scale).

	£	s.	d
(1) For every constituency in a Parliamentary County :—			
(*a*) if the number of registered electors does not exceed 25,000	50	0	0
(*b*) if the number of registered electors exceeds 25,000—for each additional 1,000 electors or fraction thereof an additional	1	0	0
(2) For every constituency in a Parliamentary Borough :—			
(*a*) if the number of registered electors does not exceed 25,000	40	0	0
(*b*) if the number of registered electors exceeds 25,000—for each additional 1,000 electors or fraction thereof an additional	1	0	0

(ii) Additional fee for services in connection with dispatch and receipt of the ballot papers of absent voters :—

For every Constituency in a Parliamentary County or a Parliamentary Borough—			
(*a*) if the number of absent voters in the constituency (excluding proxy voters) does not exceed 1,000	Nil.		
(*b*) if the number exceeds 1,000—but does not exceed 2,000	10	0	0
(*c*) if the number exceeds 2,000—for each additional 50 or fraction thereof, an additional	0	1	0

II.—*In an Uncontested Election.*

One-fourth of the above sums.

Where the general duties of a returning officer are performed by an acting returning officer the above fees shall be paid to such acting returning officer and shall include any payments made to a deputy acting returning officer for the discharge of any duties of an acting returning officer which may be assigned to him.

B.—Disbursements.

I.—*In a Contested Election.*

——	In a Constituency in a Parliamentary County.	In a Constituency in a Parliamentary Borough.
	£ *s.* d.	£ *s. d.*
1. For each presiding officer, to include all expenses other than any travelling expenses authorised by this scale	3 3 0	3 0 0
2. For one clerk at each polling station where not more than 500 voters are assigned to such station ..	1 5 0	1 5 0
For an additional clerk at a polling station for every number of 500 voters or fraction thereof beyond the first 500 assigned to such polling station .. .. .. (In claculating the number of voters assigned to any polling station, absent voters other than proxy voters must be excluded.)	1 5 0	1 5 0

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——	In a Constituency in a Parliamentary County.	In a Constituency in a Parliamentary Borough.
3. For the remuneration of persons engaged in counting the votes—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
(a) if the number of registered electors in the constituency does not exceed 20,000—a total sum of	14 0 0	14 0 0
(b) if the number of electors exceeds 20,000—for each additional 2,000 electors, or fraction thereof, an additional	0 15 0	0 15 0
4. For the remuneration of persons employed for the purpose of dispatching and receiving the ballot papers of absent voters— ..		
(a) if the number of absent voters (excluding proxy voters) does not exceed 500	5 0 0	5 0 0
(b) if the number of absent voters (excluding proxy voters) exceeds 500—for each additional 100 or fraction thereof—an additional	0 15 0	0 15 0
5. For all clerical and other assistance employed by the acting Returning Officer or deputy acting Returning Officer for the purposes of an election, excluding any services for which payment is otherwise authorised by this scale, and for all expenses of the Returning Officer not otherwise authorised by the scale.		
If the number of registered electors—		
(a) does not exceed 25,000	30 0 0	25 0 0
(b) exceeds 25,000—for each additional 1,000 or fraction thereof—an additional ..	1 2 6	1 0 0
6. Returning or acting Returning Officers' or deputy acting Returning Officers' travelling expenses where necessary to make arrangements for the poll or otherwise in connection with the conduct of the election.	First Class Railway expenses, or where railway service is not available the actual and necessary cost with subsistence allowance at the rate of £1 a night for not more than five nights when necessarily absent from home on account of duty.	First Class Railway Expenses, or, where railway service is not available the actual and necessary cost with subsistence allowance at the rate of £1 a night for not more than five nights when necessarily absent from home on account of duty.
7. Travelling expenses of presiding officers and poll clerks (excluding any expenses incurred in conveying the ballot boxes from the polling station to the place where the votes are counted.)	Third class Rail way Expenses, or, where railway service is not available the actual and necessary cost with subsistence allowance to presiding officers at the rate of £1, and to poll clerks at the rate of 10s., for each night necessarily spent away from home on account of duty.	Nil.

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——	In a Constituency in a Parliamentary County.	In a Constituency in a Parliamentary Borough.
8. Travelling expenses of clerical or other assistants other than counting assistants employed by the acting Returning Officer or deputy acting Returning Officer where necessary to make arrangements for the poll or otherwise in connection with the conduct of the election.	Third class railway expenses, or where railway service is not available, the actual and necessary cost with subsistence allowance at the rate of 10*s.* a night for each night, necessarily spent away from home on account of duty.	
9. For the conveyance of ballot boxes, ballot papers, etc., in connection with the election.	Actual and necessary cost.	
Provided that for the conveyance of ballot boxes from the polling station to the place where the votes are counted there shall be charged	Third class railway expenses, or where railway service is not available, the actual and necessary cost not exceeding 1*s.* 6*d.* per mile.	
For printing and providing ballot papers.	Actual and necessary cost.	
11. For printing and providing notices, nomination forms and other documents required in and about the election or poll and costs of publishing same.	Actual and necessary cost.	
12. For the hire of any building or room for the purposes of the election or expenses attending the use of such building or room.	Actual and necessary cost.	
13. For fitting up a polling station including the provision and fitting up of voting compartments and the hire of necessary furniture where this is not otherwise obtainable.	Actual and necessary cost.	
14. For every ballot box required to be purchased, hired or repaired.	Actual and necessary cost.	
15. For every stamping instrument required to be purchased, hired, altered, or repaired.	Actual and necessary cost.	
16. For copies of the register.	Actual and necessary cost.	
17. For general stationery, postage, and telegrams and telephone messages.	Actual and necessary cost.	

II.—*In an Uncontested Election.*

For preliminary work undertaken in anticipation of a contest, including clerical assistance.	Actual and necessary cost within the above scale.

Sealed with the official seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 23rd day of August, 1923, in the presence of

G. C. Duggan,

(O.S.) [Assistant Secretary.

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PEACE PRESERVATION.

Curfew.

ORDER MADE BY THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS UNDER THE CIVIL AUTHORITIES (SPECIAL POWERS) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1922.

1923. No. 72.

I, The Right Honourable Sir Richard Dawson Bates, Minister of Home Affairs do hereby order and require that every person within the area of Northern Ireland, including the County of the City of Belfast, shall remain within doors between the hours of 12 o'clock midnight and 5 o'clock a.m., unless provided with a permit in writing from an Officer of the Royal Ulster Constabulary as herein specified, that is to say, within the County of the City of Belfast, from the Commissioner of Police or a District-Inspector duly authorised by the Commissioner, and elsewhere within the area of Northern Ireland, from the County Inspector of the County for which the Permit is required or an Officer duly authorised by the County Inspector, or from the District-Inspector of the District for which the Permit is required.

Provided that any Permit granted under this Order may be revoked at any time by the person authorised to issue such Permit, who shall in every such case send notice in writing to the person to whom the Permit was granted of its having been revoked.

This Order shall come into force at 11 o'clock p.m. on the 22nd day of April, 1923, and as from that date and time, cancels the Orders made by me on the 25th day of May, 1922, on the 31st day of October, 1922, and on the 3rd day of January, 1923, and varies the Order made by me on the 8th day of June, 1922, in so far as the last mentioned Order prescribed the hours between which persons should remain within doors within the County of the City of Belfast, but does not cancel it in so far as it prescribed the hours between which licensed premises in that area should be closed.

Given under my hand at Belfast, this 6th day of April, 1923,

R. Dawson Bates,
Minister of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland, Civil Authority.

NOTES.

1. (*a*) The Order of the 25th May, 1922, imposed Curfew from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. within the area of Northern Ireland, excepting the County of the City of Belfast.

(*b*) The effect of the Orders of the 8th June, 1922, 31st October, 1922, and 3rd January, 1923, was to impose Curfew from 11-30 p.m. to 6 a.m. on the County of the City of Belfast, on the area outside Belfast within twelve miles from the Great Northern Railway Terminus, and on the Urban District of Bangor.

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2. Under this Order and the Regulations above specified every person who is in the area to which this Order applies during Curfew hours must, during those hours, either remain in his usual place of abode, or at a hotel or registered lodging house where he is duly registered. If he intends to stay elsewhere during Curfew hours he must give previous notice to the Police at the Police Station nearest to the house where he intends to stay of his intention to stay therein.

3. Inmates of, or persons engaged at schools, hospitals or other charitable or religious institutions during Curfew hours may remain therein during these hours.

4. This Order will not affect persons conveying to a hospital a person requiring treatment thereat.

5. Existing Permits, so long as they are in force, hold good for the areas and the periods stated in them, and for the Curfew hours named in this Order.

6. In each Permit will be stated the area within which it holds good. No. Permit will hold good in any area save that for which it is granted unless endorsed to that effect by a person having authority to issue a Permit for such additional area. In each Permit will be stated the hours for which and the period for which it holds good.

7. Applications for Permits should be made by post, where they are required for the County of the City of Belfast, to the Commissioner of Police for the City of Belfast, and elsewhere to the Head-Constable or Sergeant in charge of the Police Barracks of the sub-district in which the applicant resides or in which he is visiting, and should state the purpose for which they are required. The Head Constable or Sergeant will forward them to his District-Inspector without delay.

Examination of Bank Accounts.

REGULATION OF THE 13TH MARCH, 1923, MADE BY THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS UNDER THE CIVIL AUTHORITIES (SPECIAL POWERS) ACT (N.I.), 1922, PROVIDING FOR THE EXAMINATION OF BANK ACCOUNTS IN CERTAIN CASES.

1923. No. 14.

WHEREAS certain Regulations for Peace and Order in Northern Ireland are contained in the Schedule to the Civil Authorities (Special Powers) Act (Northern Ireland), 1922, and it is provided by Sub-section 3 of Section 1 of the said Act that the Minister of Home Affairs shall have power to make Regulations :—

(a) For making further provision for the preservation of the Peace and maintenance of Order, and

(b) For varying or revoking any provision of the Regulations whether contained in the said Schedule or made as aforesaid ;

and that any regulations made as aforesaid shall, subject to the provisions of the said Act, have effect and be enforced in like manner as Regulations contained in the said Schedule.

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NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE RIGHT HONOURABLE SIR RICHARD DAWSON BATES, Minister of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland, Do Make the following Regulation for making provision for the preservation of the Peace and Maintenance of Order, and the said Regulation shall be enforced and have effect in like manner as Regulations contained in the said Schedule. And the said Regulation now made and the Regulations contained in the said Schedule shall have effect and be construed as if the said Regulation now made formed part of the said Regulations in said Schedule, that is to say :—

(18c.) The Civil Authority, if he has reason to suspect that any money or other property has been lodged or deposited with any Bank or person, and that such money or property has been collected or obtained or is being used, or intended to be used, for any purpose prejudicial to the preservation of the Peace or maintenance of Order in Northern Ireland may

(a) By Order authorise any person or persons named in such Order to enter the premises of such Bank or person and to examine and take extracts from the books and documents of such Bank or person as to any such lodgment or deposit by or to the credit or account of any person or persons named in such Order, and to examine the accounts of any such last named person, and all vouchers and documents relating thereto ;

(b) By Order require such Bank or person to retain for the disposal of the Civil Authority any such sums of money or other property so lodged or deposited, and such vouchers and documents. Such Order of the Civil Authority shall, as from the service of a copy thereof upon such Bank or person, operate as a legal transfer to the Civil Authority of any debt, obligation, or chose in action arising out of any such deposit or lodgment.

(c) By Order direct how such money, property, vouchers and documents are to be disposed of—whether by forfeiture or otherwise.

In this Regulation the word " Bank " shall include any Banking Company, and the word " person " shall include any firm or partnership.

If any Bank or person contravenes or fails or refuses to comply with the terms of any such Order, such Bank or person shall be guilty of an offence against the Regulations.

Given under my hand at Belfast this 13th day of March, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-three.

R. Dawson Bates,

Minister of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland and Civil Authority.

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Interned Persons.

INTERNED PERSONS AMENDMENT OF REGULATIONS AS TO, MADE BY THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS UNDER THE CIVIL AUTHORITIES (SPECIAL POWERS) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1922.

1923. No. 48.

WHEREAS certain Regulations for Peace and Order in Northern Ireland are contained in the Schedule to the Civil Authorities (Special Powers) Act (Northern Ireland), 1922,* and it is provided by Subsection (3) of Section 1 of the said Act that the Minister of Home Affairs shall have power to make Regulations (a) for making further provision for the preservation of the Peace and Maintenance of Order, and (b) for varying or revoking any provision of the Regulations, whether contained in the said Schedule, or made as aforesaid, and that any Regulations made as aforesaid shall, subject to the provisions of the said Act, have effect and be enforced in like manner as Regulations contained in the said Schedule :

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE RIGHT HONOURABLE SIR RICHARD DAWSON BATES, Minister of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland, do make the following Regulations for making further provision for the preservation of the Peace and Maintenance of Order, and the said Regulations shall be enforced and have effect in like manner as Regulations contained in the said Schedule, and the said Regulations now made and the Regulations contained in the said Schedule shall have effect and be construed as if the said Regulations now made formed part of the said Regulations in said Schedule, that is to say :—

Regulation 23 B. shall be amended as follows :—

The following new clause shall be inserted before the penultimate clause :—

"Any person interned under this regulation may, without prejudice to any other powers of removal, be removed on the Order of the Civil Authority to any place where his presence is required for the purpose of entering into a recognisance, or in the interests of justice or for the purpose of any public inquiry, and may be detained in such place for such time as his presence is so required there, and whilst being so removed or detained he shall be deemed to be interned under the provisions of this Regulation."

Regulation 23 D. shall be amended as follows :—

The following new clause shall be added :—

"This regulation shall apply to all prisoners in Northern Ireland in like manner as it applies to persons undergoing a sentence of imprisonment in Northern Ireland. For the purposes of this regulation, the expression 'prisoner' shall have the same meaning as that assigned to it in Section 11 of the Prison Act, 1898."

Given under my hand at BELFAST, this 30th day of October, 1923.

R. Dawson Bates,
Minister of Home Affairs
for Northern Ireland.

*12 & 13 Geo. 5 (N.I.) c. 5.

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AMENDMENT OF REGULATIONS AS TO INTERNED PERSONS MADE BY THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS UNDER THE CIVIL AUTHORITIES (SPECIAL POWERS) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1922.

1923. No. 58.

WHEREAS certain Regulations for peace and order in Northern Ireland are contained in the Schedule to the Civil Authorities (Special Powers) Act (Northern Ireland), 1922,* and it is provided by Sub-section (3) of Section 1 of the said Act that the Minister of Home Affairs shall have power to make Regulations (a) for making further provision for the preservation of the peace and maintenance of order, and (b) for varying or revoking any provision of the Regulations, whether contained in the said Schedule or made as aforesaid, and that any Regulations made as aforesaid shall, subject to the provisions of this Act, have effect and be enforced in like manner as Regulations contained in the said Schedule :

NOW THEREFORE I, THE RIGHT HONOURABLE SIR RICHARD DAWSON BATES, Minister of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland, do make the following Regulation for making further provision for the preservation of the peace and maintenance of order, and the said Regulation shall have effect and be enforced in like manner as Regulations contained in the said Schedule, and the said Regulation now made and the Regulations contained in the said Schedule shall have effect and be construed as if the said Regulation now made formed part of the said Regulations in the said Schedule, that is to say :—

Regulation 23 B. shall be amended as follows :—

In the first clause the following words shall be inserted after the words " on the recommendation of a Chief Officer of " Police or of a Police Officer of higher rank,"

" or of an advisory committee."

Given under my hand at Belfast, this 17th day of November, 1923.

R. Dawson Bates,
Minister of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland.

PETTY SESSIONS.
Fees and Administration.

ORDER MADE BY THE LORDS JUSTICES OF NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER THE PETTY SESSIONS FEES AND ADMINISTRATION (N.I.) ACT, 1923, 13 GEO. 5, (N.I.) C. 5, PRESCRIBING THE AMOUNT OF FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PETTY SESSIONS CLERK (IRELAND) ACT, 1858, AND UPON CERTIFICATES OF REGISTRY OF DOG LICENCES AND OF PAYMENT OF LICENCE DUTY UNDER THE DOG'S REGULATION IRELAND ACT, 1868.

1923. No. 73.

Whereas by the Petty Sessions Fees and Administration Act (Northern Ireland), 1923, the Governor of Northern Ireland may make Orders prescribing :—

12 & 13 Geo. 5 (N.I.) c. 5.

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(*a*) The amounts of the Fees payable under the Petty Sessions Clerk (Ireland) Act, 1858, in respect of the forms and proceedings set forth in Schedule (C) to the said Act : and

(*b*) the amounts of the Fees payable upon Certificate of the Registry of Dog Licences under Section 8 and upon Certificates of the Payment of Licence Duty under Section 9 of the Dogs Regulation (Ireland) Act, 1865.

Now we, the Lords Justices of Northern Ireland do hereby Order that the amount of Fees payable in respect of the forms and proceedings set forth in Schedule C to the Petty Sessions Clerk (Ireland) Act, 1858, and in respect of Fees Payable upon Certificates of the Registry of Dog Licences and upon Certificates of the Payment of Licence Duty under the Dogs Regulation (Ireland) Act, 1865, shall be the amounts set forth in the Schedule annexed to this Order.

This Order shall come into force from the 1st day of July, 1923.

SCHEDULE.

	£	s.	d.
On every summons and copy	0	1	0
On every information or deposition	0	2	0
(The recognizance to bind the deponent to prosecute or give evidence may be added at foot without any further stamp duty).			
On every solemn declaration (not being a declaration as to loss of pawnbrokers' duplicates, or as to the admission of paupers into workhouses)	0	2	0
On every copy of any written information or complaint in summary proceedings	0	1	0
On every warrant	0	1	0
On every recognizance, when not at foot of an information or deposition	0	2	0
On the entry of each order	0	1	0
On every certificate of Order	0	2	0
On every appeal, including the recognizance to prosecute ..	0	4	0
On every notice of appeal to be served on the respondent ..	0	2	0
On every other notice in proceedings by or before justices when such notice is drawn by the Petty Sessions Clerk	0	1	0
On every form other than the aforesaid, upon which any fee is now payable by law to the clerks of Petty Sessions, any sum not exceeding	0	5	0
Certificate or registry of dog licence under Section 8 of the Dogs Regulation (Ireland) Act, 1865	0	1	0
Certificate of payment of licence duty under Section 9 of the Dogs Regulation (Ireland) Act, 1865	0	1	0

Given at Belfast this 15th day of June, 1923.

By their Excellencies Command.

R. Dawson Bates,

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PRISONS.

ORDER MADE BY THE LORDS JUSTICES OF NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION ACT, 1914 (4 & 5 GEO. 5, C. 58), SECTIONS 17 AND 43, REVOKING AN ORDER DATED, 13TH MARCH, 1920, BY THE LORDS JUSTICES OF IRELAND.

1923. No. 70.

Whereas by Section 17 of the Criminal Justice Administration Act, 1914, as modified by Section 43 of the said Act, it is amongst other things provided that the Lord Lieutenant may from time to time by any general or special rule under the Prisons (Ireland) Acts, 1826 to 1907, appropriate either wholly or partially, particular prisons within his jurisdiction to particular classes of prisoners, and that a prisoner sentenced to imprisonment or committed to prison on remand or pending trial or otherwise may be lawfully confined in any prison to which the Prisons (Ireland) Acts, 1826 to 1907, apply, and it is thereby further provided that prisoners shall be committed to such prisons as the Lord Lieutenant may from time to time direct, and may on the like direction be removed therefrom during the term of their imprisonment to any other prison :

And Whereas directions as to the prisons to which prisoners shall be committed have been given in an Order of the Lords Justices and General Governors of Ireland, dated the 13th day of March, 1920 :

And Whereas by the Government of Ireland Act, 1920, the Orders made thereunder and the Irish Free State (Consequential Provisions) Act, 1922, the powers of the Lord Lieutenant are now exerciseable in Northern Ireland by the Governor of Northern Ireland :

Now We, the Lords Justices of Northern Ireland, in pursuance of the powers conferred upon us by the said Acts, and of every other power enabling us on this behalf, do hereby revoke the said Order of 13th March, 1920.

This Order shall not affect the validity of any act done under the said Order of 13th March, 1920, prior to the date of this Order.

Given at Belfast this 19th day of November, 1923.

By their Excellencies Command.

R. Dawson Bates.

PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE.

Public use of the Records.

RULES AND REGULATIONS MADE BY THE MINISTER OF FINANCE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND, IN EXERCISE OF THE POWER CONFERRED BY THE NINTH SECTION OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1923.*

1923. No. 71.

(1) The Public Search Room shall be open to persons desiring to consult indexes, catalogues and calendars and to inspect records, on

* 13 & 14 Geo. 5 (N.I.), c. 20.

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every day, except Sundays, Bank and other Public Holidays and Easter Eve.

The hours of admission and attendance shall be from 10 a.m. to 4-30 p.m., except on Saturdays, when they shall be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

(2) Every person making use of the Search Room for the purpose of consulting indexes or inspecting records shall write his or her name and full address daily in the attendance book kept for that purpose, or shall supply his or her name and address in such other manner as the Deputy Keeper may decide.

(3) The records in the custody of the Minister of Finance shall be open to public inspection subject to the conditions mentioned below and to the payment of the fees set out in the Schedule annexed hereto.

(4) In cases where the inspection of such records is desired for historical, genealogical or antiquarian research, application should be made in writing to the Deputy Keeper, who may, if he see fit, dispense with the payment of such fees.

(5) Indexes, catalogues and calendars shall be produced for consultation free of charge.

(6) No umbrellas, sticks, bags or parcels shall be taken to the tables in the Search Room.

(7) A separate ticket shall be clearly written and signed by every person desiring to inspect records for each book, roll, file, bundle or document required, and such ticket shall be given by him or her to the officer in charge of the Search Room before any Record is produced.

(8) No person shall have more than three records out at a time, save by special permission of the officer in charge.

(9) Records not mentioned in the indexes, catalogues or calendars intended for public use shall not be produced without an order from the Deputy Keeper.

(10) On completion of search, records shall forthwith be returned to the officer in charge or to one of his assistants in exchange for the relative tickets, and every person to whom a record has been produced shall be held responsible therefor, so long as his or her ticket remains with an Officer of the Public Record Office.

(11) No person shall make any mark on, fold or lean upon any record or index he is inspecting or consulting, but shall make use of any supports for books, rolls or documents which are provided for that purpose.

(12) Any person inspecting a record may make a copy or copies of the whole or any part thereof.

(13) Application for permission to photograph the whole or part of a document must be made in writing to the Deputy Keeper who will grant or withhold permission at his discretion.

(14) The use of ink and of fountain pens is forbidden.

(15) Tracings of records shall not be made by any person without specific permission from the officer in charge.

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(16) Indexes, catalogues and calendars should be replaced on the shelves when finished with.

(17) The officer in charge of the Public Search Room shall have authority to exclude any person from the office for any of the following reasons :—

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(ii) Persistent disregard of the officer's authority ;
(iii) Damage of any sort to any record, index, or article belonging to the Record Office ;
(iv) Unseemly conduct or language, habits or attire, offensive or likely to be reasonably offensive to other persons frequenting the Search Room ;

Provided always that such exclusion and the reason therfor be reported forthwith to the Deputy Keeper or other superior officer.

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(s. 6 (1) & (2)).

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These rules and regulations shall take effect from the first of October, 1923.

(Signed)
H. M. Pollock,

11th September, 1923.

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RESIDENT MAGISTRATES.

Salaries and Allowances.

MADE BY THE LORDS JUSTICES OF NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER THE RESIDENT MAGISTRATES (IRELAND) ACT, 1920.

1923. No. 98.

WHEREAS by Section 1 of the Resident Magistrates (Ireland) Act, 1920, it is provided that the Lord Lieutenant may, by Order made with the concurrence of the Treasury, prescribe the rates and scales of salaries and allowances to be paid to Resident Magistrates and the conditions applicable thereto, and, subject to the provisions of the Order, any rates, scales and conditions thereby prescribed shall have effect as from the date therein specified instead of the rates, scales and conditions prescribed by or in pursuance of the Resident Magistrates and Police Commissioners Salaries Act, 1874, or any other Act, or by any previous Order under this Section or otherwise:

And whereas by the Government of Ireland Act, 1920, the Orders and Regulations made thereunder and the Irish Free State (Consequential Provisions) Act, 1922, references to the Lord Lieutenant in their application to Northern Ireland are to be construed as references to the Governor of Northern Ireland, and references to the Treasury in their application to Northern Ireland are to be construed as refernces to the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland:

Now, we, the Lords Justices of Northern Ireland, in pursuance of the powers conferred on Us by the said Act and all other powers Us thereunto enabling with the concurrence of of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland, do hereby order and prescribe that the following rates and scales of salaries and allowances shall be paid to Resident Magistrates, instead of the rates and scales hitherto prescribed and in force:—

(1) A scale of salary, rising from £550 a year by annual increments of £20 to £690 a year, and then by annual increments of £25 to £900 a year, with effect as from the first day of April, 1923.

(2) An allowance of £100 a year in respect of travelling expenses for journeys undertaken on official duty, within a distance of 10 miles from Headquarters.

(3) Subsistence allowance at the rates sanctioned for Civil Servants on a similar scale of salary.

(4) An allowance of £8 a year for postage, stationery and incidental expenses.

Provided that a Resident Magistrate who has been transferred from the Government of the United Kingdom to the Government of Northern Ireland under the provisions of the Constabulary (Ireland) Act, 1922, or who has been appointed by the Government of Northern Ireland, after having previously served as a resident Magistrate under the Government of the United Kingdom, shall be entitled as from the 1st April, 1923, or from the date of appointment, if later, to payment of salary at the rate which would have been payable to him if the above scale had been in operation from the time of his permanent appointment by the Government of the United Kingdom.

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This Order shall have effect as from 1st April, 1923, and the Order of the Lord Lieutenant, dated 10th day of December, 1920, is hereby revoked.

Given at Belfast this 12th day of July, 1923.

By their Excellencies' Command.

R. Dawson Bates.

ROADS.
Road Fund.

MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, UNDER SECTION 3 (1) OF THE ROADS ACT, 1920, 10 & 11 GEO. 5, C. 72, AS ADAPTED BY CLAUSE 6 OF THE GOVERNMENT OF IRELAND (ADAPTATION OF ENACTMENTS) (NO. 2) ORDER, 1922.

1923. No. 99.

The Ministry of Finance (hereinafter referred to as the Ministry), in pursuance of the powers conferred on it by Section 3 (1) of the Roads Act (10 & 11 Geo. 5, c. 72), and without prejudice to any further exercise of the said powers, hereby make the following Regulations :—

1. A public Account entitled " The Road Fund (Northern Ireland) Account " shall be opened in the books of the Belfast Banking Co., Ltd.
2. This account shall be operated on by the Ministry of Home Affairs. The Officers authorised to sign and countersign orders on the Account, shall be appointed by the Ministry of Home Affairs, with the approval of the Ministry and their names communicated to the Belfast Banking Co., Ltd.
3. The amounts due to the Road Fund under Section 2 of the Roads Act shall be issued out of the Consolidated Fund of Northern Ireland and paid into the Road Fund (Northern Ireland) Account at the Belfast Banking Company, Limited, by quarterly instalments and each instalment shall be lodged on the last day of each quarter of the calendar year, or at such other times as the Ministry may from time to time determine.
4. If at any time it shall appear to the Ministry of Home Affairs that the moneys standing to the credit of the Road Fund of Northern Ireland are in excess of the probable requirements, direction may be given for the temporary investment of such portion of the balance as the Minister of Home Affairs may determine, in securities approved by the Ministry. All such investments shall be held jointly in the names of the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Ministry.
5. The Ministry of Home Affairs shall render to the Comptroller and Auditor-General accounts of the receipts and payments of the Road Fund (Northern Ireland) in such form as the Ministry may prescribe.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance this 31st day of August, 1923.

G. C. Duggan,
Assistant Secretary.

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ROYAL ULSTER CONSTABULARY.

Pensions.

MADE BY THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS FOR NORTHERN IRELAND, IN EXERCISE OF THE POWERS CONFERRED BY SECTION 2 OF THE CONSTABULARY ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1922,* AND BY SUB-SECTION (1) OF SECTION 4 OF THE CONSTABULARY AND POLICE (IRELAND) ACT, 1919, AS APPLIED BY THE SAID ACT OF 1922.

1923. No. 29.

From the date of the establishment of the Royal Ulster Constabulary the Pensions and Gratuities to be granted on retirement to members of the Royal Ulster Constabulary of the several ranks, classes and grades indicated in the Schedule to this Order and the Pensions Gratuities and Allowances of the Widows and Children of such members shall be in accordance with the rates, scales and conditions prescribed in that Schedule, and I hereby revoke the Royal Irish Constabulary Pensions (Interim) Order, 1920, the Royal Irish Constabulary Pensions Order, 1922, the Royal Irish Constabulary Pensions (Supplemantal) Order, 1922, and the Royal Irish Constabulary Pensions (Supplemental) (No. 2) Order, 1922, as applied by the Constabulary Act (Northern Ireland), 1922, without prejudice to anything done thereunder.

This Order may be cited as the Royal Ulster Constabulary Pensions Order, 1923.

R. Dawson Bates,
Minister of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland.
30th May, 1923.

I, THE RIGHT HONOURABLE HUGH M'DOWELL POLLOCK, Minister of Finance for Northern Ireland, hereby signify my concurrence in the foregoing Order and Schedule thereto.

H. M. Pollock,
Minister of Finance for Northern Ireland.
30th May, 1923.

SHORT TITLE.

1. This Order may be cited as the Royal Ulster Constabulary Pensions Order, 1923.

DEFINITIONS.

2. (1) In this Order, except where the context otherwise requires, the following expressions shall have the respective meanings hereby assigned to them :—

"The Act of 1919" means the Constabulary and Police (Ireland) Act, 1919.

* 12 & 13 Geo. 5 (N.I.) c. 8.

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"The Force" means the Royal Ulster Constabulary.

"Members of the Force" includes any person who was a member of the force on or after the 1st day of June, 1922.

"Inspector General" means the Inspector-General of the force.

"Constable" means a constable of the force and includes a head constable and sergeant of the force.

"Officer" means a member of the force, not being a constable.

"The Ministry" means the Ministry of Home Affairs.

"The Pay Order 1922" means the Royal Ulster Constabulary Pay Order, 1922, and includes any order for the time being in operation amending or re-enacting that Order.

"The Existing Acts" means the Constabulary Act (Northern Ireland) 1922 and the enactments relating to the Royal Irish Constabulary as applied by that Act.

"The Date of Disbandment" means the date from which compensation awarded to any member of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, under the provisions of the Constabulary (Ireland) Act, 1922, became payable, and the word "disbandment" shall be interpreted accordingly.

"Police force in Great Britain" means any police force in Great Britain within the meaning of the Police Pensions Act, 1921.

"Rateable deduction" means any deduction made from pay under Article 12 of the Schedule to the Pay Order, 1922.

(2) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland), 1921, applies to this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

AGE OF COMPULSORY RETIREMENT.

3. The rates and scales of pay prescribed by the Pay Order 1922, shall be subject to the following conditions with respect to retirement from the force:—

Retirement shall be compulsory—

for members of the force below the rank of District Inspector on attaining the age of fifty-seven;

for District Inspectors and County Inspectors, the Commissioners of the County Boroughs of Belfast and Londonderry, the Medical Officer of the force and the Barrack Master of the Depot, on attaining the age of sixty;

for the Inspector-General and the Deputy Inspector-General on attaining the age of sixty-five;

except that in special cases the Inspector-General, with the consent of the Governor of Northern Ireland, may extend any such person's service for a further period, in no case exceeding five years, on being satisfied that such extension would be in the interests of efficiency.

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PENSIONS AND GRATUITIES OF MEMBERS OF THE FORCE.

4.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this Order, every member of the force—

(a) if he has completed twenty-five years' approved service, and has given to the Inspector-General three months' written notice, or such shorter notice as the Inspector-General may accept, of his intention to retire, shall be entitled, on the expiration of such notice, without a medical certificate to retire and receive an ordinary pension for life ; and

(b) if he has completed ten years' approved service, and is incapacitated for the performance of his duty by infirmity of mind or body, shall be entitled on a medical certificate to retire and receive an ordinary pension for life ; and

(c) if at any time he is incapacitated for the performance of his duty by infirmity of mind or body occasioned by an injury received in the execution of his duty without his own default, shall be entitled on a medical certificate to retire and receive a special pension for life ; and

(d) if he has not completed ten years' approved service and is incapacitated for the performance of his duty by infirmity of mind or body not occasioned by such injury as aforesaid, shall be entitled on a medical certificate to retire and receive a gratuity.

(2) Where a member of the force is compelled to retire under this Order on the ground of age, then

(a) if he is not entitled without a medical certificate to retire and receive a pension he shall be entitled to receive such ordinary pension or gratuity as he would have been entitled to receive had he then retired on a medical certificate ; and

(b) any pension or gratuity to which he is entitled shall be payable as from his retirement and no notice of intention to retire shall be required.

(3) An Inspector-General or Deputy Inspector-General shall not, except with the consent of the Governor of Northern Ireland be entitled to retire without a medical certificate and receive an ordinary pension, unless at the time of his retirement he has attained the age of sixty.

(4) An Inspector-General shall be entitled to count for purposes of pension or gratuity a period not exceeding ten years which he may have served in the Navy, Army or Air Force of the Imperial Government and in the Army, Air Force or Police Force of the Government of India or of any Colonial Government, provided that from the pension calculated on the basis of combined service there shall be deducted a sum as is hereinafter set forth and provided also that, except in cases of retirement due to ill health, this regulation shall not apply until the officer has attained the age of sixty and has served at least fifteen years in the Royal Ulster Constabulary. The sum to be deducted as aforesaid shall be a sum which bears the same proportion to the total pension earned in the outside service as the number of added years bears to such service.

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(5) No gratuity shall be payable to a member of the force who retires before the expiration of any period which is treated under the Pay Order, 1922, as being a period of probationary service or is a period of service as a cadet within the meaning of that Order.

PENSIONS AND GRATUITIES OF WIDOWS.

5. Subject to the provisions of this Order—

(a) where a member of the force who has completed five years' approved service, dies whilst serving in the force or whilst in receipt of a pension from the force or in consequence of any disease or injury on account of which he retired from the force, his widow shall be entitled to a widow's ordinary pension ; and

(b) where in any case a member of the force dies whilst serving in the force from the effects of an injury received in the execution of his duty without his own default, or, having been granted a pension in respect of any such injury, dies from the effects of such injury, his widow shall be entitled where the injury was accidental to a widow's ordinary pension, and where the injury was non-accidental to a widow's special pension ; and

(c) where a member of the force dies whilst serving in the force and his widow is not entitled to a pension under this Order, his widow shall be entitled to a gratuity ; and

(d) where a widow is entitled to a pension under this Order and the Inspector-General satisfies the Ministry and the Ministry of Finance that there are special reasons for the grant of a gratuity in lieu thereof the Ministry may, with her consent, grant her a gratuity accordingly :

ALLOWANCES AND GRATUITIES OF CHILDREN AND DEPENDANTS.

6. Subject to the provisions of this Order—

(a) Where a member of the force dies whilst in the force, or where a member of the force having been granted a pension dies within twelve months after the grant of the pension or at any time from the effects of an injury received in the execution of his duty without his own default, his children under sixteen years of age shall be entitled to allowances until they severally reach the age of sixteen years and ;

(b) Where the child of a member of the force is entitled to an allowance under this Order and the Inspector General satisfies the Ministry and the Ministry of Finance that there are special reasons for the grant of a gratuity in lieu thereof, the Ministry may, with the consent of the man's widow, or, if he leaves no widow, the guardian of the child, grant a gratuity accordingly ; and

(c) Where a member of the force dies whilst in the force or where a member of the force, having been granted a pension, dies within twelve months after the grant of the pension, or at any time from the effects of an injury received in the execu-

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tion of his duty without his own default, on the recommendation of the Inspector-General the Ministry with the consent of the Ministry of Finance, may, if it thinks fit, grant a gratuity to any relative who has been substantially dependent on him, having regard both to the amount contributed by the deceased and to the needs of the dependants.

SCALES OF PENSIONS, ALLOWANCES AND GRATUITIES.

7. The pensions, allowances and gratuities payable under this Order shall be awarded by the Ministry with the consent of the Ministry of Finance and shall be in accordance with the scales and provisions contained in the First Schedule hereto, and the general rules contained in Part III. of that Schedule shall apply to such pensions, allowances and gratuities ;

Provided that where a member of the force or his widow, child or dependant receives any compensation in respect of the injury or death of the member, whether awarded under the Criminal Injuries (Ireland) Acts or awarded or paid otherwise, such compensation may be taken into account in assessing any pension, gratuity or allowance payable in respect of such injury or death, and where the compensation is received after assessment it may be taken into account and the assessment may be amended or cancelled accordingly, but no such amendment or cancellation will be made in the case of an injury in respect of which an award under the Criminal Injuries (Ireland) Acts is made where it is shown to the satisfaction of the Ministry and the Ministry of Finance that in assessing such compensation the Court had cognizance of the fact that a pension or gratuity had been or would be awarded under the terms of this Order without reference to the decision of the Court on such claim for compensation.

PENSIONS OF MEMBERS CONTINUING TO SERVE AFTER QUALIFICATION FOR PENSION.

8.—(1) Where a member of the force is entitled to retire on a pension without a medical certificate, but continues to serve in the force, the Ministry on the recommendation of the Inspector General and with the consent of the Ministry of Finance, may direct that the member shall be entitled, on retiring at any time thereafter, to receive a pension not less in amount than that to which he would have been entitled if he had retired instead of continuing in the force, and in such case the right to receive on retirement such pension shall not, while he continues to serve in the force, be liable to forfeiture, except in the cases in which a pension when granted is liable to forfeiture under this Order.

(2) Before such direction is given, and every year thereafter, the Inspector General shall cause such member of the force to be examined by some duly qualified medical practitioner, and, if on any such examination, it is found that he is not physically fit for further service, the Inspector General shall not permit him to continue to serve in the force.

(3) Where such a direction is given, a member of the force, who is entitled to retire without a medical certificate and to receive a pension at the maximum rate provided by this Order, may be granted by the Ministry with the consent of the Ministry of Finance, in consideration

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of his continuing to serve, an allowance at the rate not exceeding twelve-and-a-half per cent. of his pay. Any such allowance, if granted, shall not be reckoned in the calculation of the amount of pension or gratuity awarded, and no rateable deduction shall be made therefrom under the Pay Order, 1922.

SERVICE TO BE RECKONED FOR PENSION.

9.—(1) Section 4 of the Constabulary (Ireland) Act 1908 shall cease to have effect and the service of a member of the force for the purposes of this Order shall be subject to such deductions in respect of sickness, misconduct, or neglect of duty as may be made therefrom in pursuance of the rules contained in the Second Schedule of this Order and the expression " approved service " shall, for the purposes of this Order mean such service, including service in the Royal Irish Constabulary or Special Constabulary, as may, after such deduction as aforesaid (if any), be certified by the Inspector General to have been diligent and faithful service, but shall not include service before attaining the age of twenty years, except in the case of a member of the force who before attaining that age is incapacitated for the performance of his duty by infirmity of mind or body occasioned by an injury received in the execution of his duty without his own default :

(2) Where a deduction is made from the service of a member of the force in respect of sickness, misconduct or neglect of duty, notice of the deduction shall be given to him as soon as may be after the occurrence of the cause for which the deduction is made ; and he may appeal to the Inspector General against any act of any superior officer which prevents him from reckoning any period of actual service as approved service, and any period of actual service allowed by the Inspector General on such appeal shall be deemed to be approved service.

CONTINUOUS SERVICE IN TWO OR MORE FORCES.

10. Where a member of the force has previously served in a police force or forces in Great Britain approved service in such force or forces in which he has completed not less than one year's approved service shall be reckoned as approved service in the Royal Ulster Constabulary.

Provided that no such previous service shall be so reckoned unless each removal has been made with the written sanction of the chief officer of the force from which the member removes.

DISCONTINUOUS SERVICE IN THE ROYAL ULSTER CONSTABULARY.

11. Where a member of the froce who has retire from the forced without a pension rejoins or has rejoined the force there shall be reckoned as approved service the period of approved service which he was entitled to reckon at the end of his previous service, if he repays to the Ministry the amount of any gratuity which may have been granted to him or any sums paid to him under the provisions of Article 20 of this Order.

SERVICE OF MEN BELONGING TO RESERVE FORCES.

12. Where a member of the force with the knowledge of the Inspector General belongs to any Royal Naval Reserve Force or to the

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Army Reserve or Air Force Reserve, and is required for training or called into actual service or called out for training or for permanent service, he shall be entitled on returning to the force after the end of such training or service, to reckon any approved service which he was entitled to reckon at the commencement of such training or service ; and his period of training or service and any period during which he was incapacitated for police duty owing to an injury received during his period of training or service without his own default, shall be reckoned in the computation of the approved service.

SPECIAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL IRISH CONSTABULARY WHO JOIN THE ROYAL ULSTER CONSTABULARY.

13. Without prejudice to the Memorandum of Agreement dated 13th March, 1923, entitled " Royal Irish Constabulary, Apportionment of Pensions, Compensation Allowances and Gratuities," made between the British Government and the Government of Northern Ireland and confirmed by the Joint Exchequer Board on the 3rd day of April, 1923, under the provisions of section 32 of the Government of Ireland Act 1920, as amended by the First Schedule to the Irish Free State (Consequential Provisions) Act 1922 (Section 2) the following provisions shall apply to members of the force who joined the force prior to 1st November 1922 after disbandment from the Royal Irish Constabulary ·

(1) In the calculation of pensions or gratuities payable to such members, or of the pensions, allowances, and gratuities payable to their widows and children and dependants the following methods shall be adopted :—

(a) When the member retires, approved service in the Royal Irish Constabulary and in the force combined shall be reckoned for purposes of pension, and from the amount of pension arrived at by such reckoning, hereinafter termed the gross pension, there shall be deducted the amount of compensation allowance awarded on disbandment, and the balance if any, shall be the amount of pension to be awarded in respect of service in the force.

When the combined service in the Royal Irish Constabulary and in the force so calculated does not entitle the member to a pension, no pension or gratuity shall be awarded in addition to the compensation allowance awarded on disbandment.

(b) When the member retires during the term of years which represent the added years granted on disbandment, and with a higher rank than that which he held on disbandment, to the gross pension calculated as in sub-section (a) of this Article there shall be added the proportion of the disbandment allowance attributable to the number of added years granted on disbandment which have not been served in the force and from the sum of the amounts so arrived at, there shall be deducted the amount of the compensation allowance awarded on disbandment, and the balance shall be the amount of pension to be awarded in respect of service in the force ;

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(c) Pensions, Allowances and Gratuities to widows and children shall be reckoned on the basis of approved service in the Royal Irish Constabulary and the force combined.

(2) For all purposes of pension, gratuity or allowances under this section, and for all other purposes of this Order, service in the Royal Irish Constabulary and the force shall be reckoned as continuous service even though a period shall elapse between the date of disbandment and the date of enlistment in the force :

Provided however, that such period, not having been served in either force, shall not be reckoned when calculating combined service.

SPECIAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO MEMBERS OF THE SPECIAL CONSTABULARY, CLASS " A " JOINING THE FORCE.

14.—(a) In the case of members of that Class of the Special Constabulary known as Class " A " who join the force as Constables prior to 31st March, 1924, and in the case of officers of the said Class " A " who prior to the termination of three years from the date of this Order have been or may be appointed to be officers on joining the force and whose service in the Special Constabulary and Royal Ulster Constabulary has been continuous there shall be reckoned for purposes of pension or gratuity, or of pensions, allowances or gratuities to their widows children or dependants, approved service in the Special Constabulary Class " A " provided that members repay to the Ministry within two years from the date of this Order or from the date of joining the force, if later, any sum which they may have received in the said Special Constabulary as bounty in lieu of pension.

Members of the force who come within the provisions of this Article shall be required to notify to the Inspector General, within a period not later than 1st October, 1923, or within a period of four months from date of joining, if later, their acceptance or otherwise of the provisions of this Article :

(b) Where a member of the force retires before repaying the full amount of the aforesaid bounty, and would on retirement, but for the non-repayment of such bounty, be entitled to a pension or gratuity such pension or gratuity shall be awarded in accordance with the provisions of this Order ; but the portion of the bounty remaining unpaid at the time of retirement shall be deducted in such amounts as the Ministry may determine.

PROOF OF INCAPACITY FOR DUTY, LIABILITY TO SERVE AGAIN AND REVISION OF PENSION.

15.—(1) Before granting a pension or gratuity on the ground that a member of the force is incapacitated by infirmity of mind or body for the performance of his duty the Ministry shall be satisfied by the evidence of some duly qualified medical practitioner or practitioners selected by it with the approval of the Ministry of Finance that the member is so incapacitated and that the incapacity is likely to be permanent.

(2) Where the application is for a special pension, the Ministry and the Ministry of Finance shall also be satisfied that the injury was received in the execution of duty, that it was received without the default of the applicant, and that the infirmity is attributable to the

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injury, and shall determine whether the injury was accidental or not, and the degree of disablement; and, for the purpose of determining any of the said questions which ought to be determined on medical grounds, shall take the like evidence as above mentioned.

(3) Where any pension is granted on the ground of incapacity for the performance of duty, the Ministry shall, yearly or otherwise, until the power under this Article of requiring the pensioner to serve again ceases, satisfy itself that the incapacity continues, and unless the Ministry decides that such evidence is unnecessary, shall satisfy itself by the like evidence as above mentioned.

(4) In the event of the incapacity ceasing before the time at which the pensioner would, if he had continued to serve, have been entitled without a medical certificate to retire and receive a pension for life, the Ministry on the recommendation of the Inspector General may cancel his pension and the Inspector General may require him to serve again in the force, in a rank not lower than the rank which he held before his retirement, and at a rate of pay not less than that on which his pension was calculated.

(5) Where a pensioner so serves again, the provisions of this Order shall apply as if he had not previously retired save that, except where the pension was granted in respect of a non-accidental injury received in the execution of duty he shall not reckon as approved service the time which elapsed between his former retirement and the re-commencement of his service.

(6) Any special pension shall be granted for such period as may be fixed after report by the Inspector General of the circumstances of the case, by the Ministry with the consent of the Ministry of Finance, and, if at the expiration of that period the degree of disablement is unaltered, the pension shall, at the discretion of the Ministry, be either renewed from time to time or made permanent. If within five years of the pensioner's retirement or at any time before the pension is made permanent the Ministry and the Ministry of Finance are satisfied by the evidence of a duly qualified medical practitioner that the degree of the pensioner's disablement has substantially altered, the pension shall be reassessed according to the degree of disablement.

(7) If a member of the force or pensioner refuses or wilfully or negligently fails, when required by the Inspector General to be examined by some duly qualified medical practitioner selected as aforesaid, the Ministry on the report of the Inspector General and with the consent of the Ministry of Finance may deal with him in all respects as if he was satisfied by the evidence of such a practitioner as to whether the member is incapacitated for the performance of duty, or as the case may be, as to the degree of his disablement.

Power to Reduce Pension Where Infirmity is Due to Misconduct.

16. Where a member of the force retires on account of infirmity of mind or body, and the Ministry and the Ministry of Finance are satisfied on medical evidence that the member has brought about or contributed to the infirmity by his own default or his vicious habits, the Ministry may with the consent of the Ministry of Finance reduce the amount of his pension or gratuity by an amount not exceeding one-half of that to which he would be otherwise entitled.

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ASSIGNMENT OF PENSIONS AND REGULATIONS AS TO PAYMENT OF PENSIONS, &C.

17. The following provisions shall have effect with respect to every pension, allowance and gratuity (in this Article referred to as a grant) payable under this Order to any person (in this Article referred to as the pensioner) :—

(1) Every assignment of and charge on a grant and every agreement to assign or charge a grant, shall except so far as made for the benefit of the family of the pensioner, be void, and on the bankruptcy of the pensioner the grant shall not pass to any trustee or other person acting on behalf of the creditors.

(2) Where any sum is due from the pensioner to the Ministry or to any department of the government of Northern Ireland or to the C own, the Ministry may deduct the amount of any such sum from the grant.

(3) On the death of a pensioner to whom a sum not exceeding one hundred pounds is due on account of a grant, then, if the Ministry so directs, probate or other proof of the title of the personal representatives of the deceased may be dispensed with and the sum may be paid or distributed to or among the persons appearing to the Ministry to be beneficially entitled to the personal estate of the deceased pensioner or to or among any one or more of those persons, or in the case of the illegitimacy of the deceased pensioner, to or among such persons as the Ministry may think fit, and the Ministry and the Inspector General or any officer of the Inspector General or any member of the force making the payment shall be discharged from all liability in respect of any such payment or distribution.

(4) Every grant which is a pension or allowance (other than a pension or allowance payable to an officer of higher rank than a County Inspector or to the widow or children of such officer) shall be paid, after the first instalment, in advance, except in the case of a refusal to quit police quarters or premises owned or rented by or on behalf of the Receiver or any Department of the Government of Northern Ireland or to give up any equipment or to make any payment due to the Ministry ; but, where a person dies whilst in receipt of a grant paid in advance, no return shall be required of any payments which have been made in respect of any period after his death.

FORFEITURE OF PENSION OR ALLOWANCE.

18.—(1) A pension or allowance under this Order is granted only upon condition that it becomes forfeited and may be withdrawn by the Ministry on the report of the Inspector General on the circumstances of the case, with the consent of the Ministry of Finance, in any of the following cases, that is to say, if the grantee—

(a) is convicted of any offence and is sentenced to penal servitude or to imprisonment for a term exceeding three months ; or

(b) knowingly associates with thieves or reputed thieves ; or

(c) refuses to give to the police all information and assistance in the power of the grantee, for the detection of crime, for

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the apprehension of criminals, or for the suppression of any disturbance of the public peace ; or

(d) enters into or continues to carry on any business, occupation or employment which is illegal, or in which the grantee has made use of the fact of former employment in the force in a manner which the Inspector General considers to be discreditable or improper ; or

(e) supplies to any person or publishes in a manner which the Inspector General considers to be discreditable or improper any information which the grantee may have obtained in the course of employment in the force ; or

(f) solicits or, without the consent of the Inspector General, accepts directly or indirectly any testimonial or gift of a pecuniary value on retirement from the force, or otherwise in connection with his service in the force ; or

(g) enters into or continues in any business, occupation or employment as a private detective, after being prohibited to do so by the Inspector General on any reasonable grounds ; or

(h) is guilty of any conduct which is illegal, or in the opinion of the Inspector General and the Ministry disgraceful.

(2) Such forfeiture and withdrawal may affect the pension or allowance wholly or in part, and may be permanent or temporary as the Ministry on the report of the Inspector General with the consent of the Ministry of Finance may determine.

SUSPENSION OF PENSION IN CASE OF SERVICE IN ANOTHER FORCE, &C.

19.—(1) Where a person in receipt of a pension under this Order takes service in any police force or is appointed to any office remunerated out of moneys provided by Parliament or which is a public office within the meaning of the Superannuation Act 1892, the Ministry on the report of the Inspector General and with the consent of the Ministry of Finance may suspend his pension in whole or in part so long as he remains in that service or office.

(2) The Ministry on the report of the Inspector General may with the like consent cancel or reduce the pension which would otherwise have been payable under this Order to a widow, if the widow is in receipt of a pension from some police or other authority in respect of any such service or appointment as aforesaid taken or held by her husband, and may, with the like consent and in like circumstances, cancel or reduce any allowances which would otherwise have been payable to a child.

For the purposes of this Article " Parliament " shall include any Parliament in the British Islands.

RETURN OF RATEABLE DEDUCTIONS.

20.—(1) Where a member of the force, not having been dismissed or required to retire as an alternative to dismissal leaves the force without a pension or gratuity, the Ministry except where the member leaves in such circumstances as will enable him to reckon his approved service in the force for the purpose of pension, shall pay him the whole of the rateable deductions which have been made from his pay, and any bounty repaid by him under Article 14 shall be similarly repaid.

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(2) Where a member of the force is required to retire as an alternative to dismissal the Ministry on the report of the Inspector General and with the consent of the Ministry of Finance may pay the whole or any part of any rateable deductions which have been made from his pay, or apply the same in such manner as the Ministry thinks fit for the benefit of the member's wife or children (if any) and, where a member of the force is dismissed, the Ministry, on the report of the Inspector General and with the consent of the Ministry of Finance may apply the whole or any part of such rateable deductions in such manner as the Ministry thinks fit for the benefit of his wife or children (if any) and any bounty repaid under Article 14 may be treated in the same manner.

EXISTING ACTS.

21 The provisions of existing Acts shall in relation to the matters dealt with in this Order have effect subject to the Order and so far as inconsistent with the Order those provisions shall cease to have effect :

Provided that nothing in this Order shall prejudice any existing right of dismissing a member of the force, or requiring him to retire as an alternative to dismissal, or reducing him to any lower rank or lower rate of pay, or shall prevent his claim to a pension from being refused on account of misconduct or on account of any of the grounds on which his pension, if granted, would be liable to be forfeited and withdrawn.

MEANING OF " TOTAL DISABLEMENT," ETC.

22. For the purposes of this Order—

(1) The expression " Total disablement " means total loss of earning capacity in any employment, and, in the case of partial disablement, the degree of disablement shall be based upon the degree to which earning capacity is affected.

(2) Any injury suffered by a member of the force :
  (a) Whilst on duty or whilst on a journey necessary to enable him to report for duty or to return home after duty ; or
  (b) Whilst not on duty in the performance of some act which is within the scope of a constable's ordinary duties ; or
  (c) In consequence of some act performed in the execution of his duty ; or
  (d) Whilst acting as a fireman, or assisting in the extinguishing of fire, or in protecting life or property from fire ; or
  (e) Which has been determined by a Court of law to be a Criminal injury within the meaning of the Criminal Injuries (Ireland) Acts,

shall be deemed to have been suffered in the execution of his duty.

(3) Any injury intentionally inflicted, or incurred in the performance of a duty involving special risks, shall be deemed to be a non-accidental injury.

APPLICATION TO INSPECTOR GENERAL, &C.

23. The provisions of this Order, unless otherwise expressly stated, shall apply to the Inspector-General and Deputy Inspector-General in like manner, so nearly as circumstances admit, as they apply to any other member of the force, except that for the purpose of such application references to the Inspector General shall be read as references to the Governor of Northern Ireland.

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DATE OF COMMENCEMENT.

24. This Order shall take effect as from the 1st June 1922, and that date shall be deemed to be the date of commencement of the Order.

SCHEDULES.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

SCALES OF PENSIONS, ALLOWANCES AND GRATUITIES.

PART I.

MEMBERS OF THE FORCE.

(a) ORDINARY PENSIONS.

SCALES.

1. On retirement after completing twenty-five or more years' service.	1/60th of the annual pay for every completed year of approved service with an additional 1/60th of the annual pay for the 21st and every subsequent completed year of approved service, but so that the pension shall not exceed two-thirds of the annual pay.
2. On retirement with medical certificate after completing ten or more years' service.	

(b) SPECIAL PENSIONS.

3. On total disablement from an injury received in the execution of duty—

(a) if the injury is non-accidental, such proportion of the annual pay as is specified in scale number 1 set out in the subjoined table ;

(b) if the injury is accidental, such proportion of the annual pay as is specified in scale number 2 in the said table ;

(c) if it is not possible to determine definitely whether the injury is accidental or non-accidental such rate intermediate between the rates prescribed in the preceding paragraphs (a) and (b) as the Ministry with the consent of the Ministry of Finance may determine.

4. On partial disablement from an injury received in the execution of duty—such proportion of the pension applicable in case of total disablement as the degree of disablement bears to total disablement.

Provided that the pension shall not be less than such proportion of the annual pay as is specified, if the injury was non-accidental, in scale number 3 in the subjoined table and otherwise in scale number 4 in the said table.

(c) GRATUITIES.

5. On retirement with Medical Certificate with less than ten years' approved service—the gratuity shall be an amount equal to one-twelfth of the annual pay for each completed year of approved service, provided that for the purpose of this assessment, the approved service shall be reckoned by adding to actual service a period not exceeding five years.

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TABLE.

SCALES OF PENSIONS.

PROPORTION OF PENSION TO PAY ON RETIREMENT.

Completed years of approved service.	Scale No. 1. On total disablement from non-accidental injury received in execution of duty.	Scale No. 2. On total disablement from accidental injury received in execution. of duty.	Scale No. 3. On partial disablement from non-accidental injury.	Scale No. 4. On partial disablement from accidental injury.
	60ths.	60ths.	60ths.	60ths.
1 or less	45	30	20	10
2 „	45	30	20	10
3 „	45	30	20	10
4 „	45	30	20	10
5 „	45	30	20	10
6 „	45	30	20	10
7 „	45	30	20	10
8 „	45	30	20	10
9 „	45	30	20	10
10 „	45	30	20	10
11 „	48	32	21	11
12 „	48	32	22	12
13 „	48	32	23	13
14 „	48	32	24	14
15 „	48	32	25	15
16 „	51	34	26	16
17 „	51	34	27	17
18 „	51	34	28	18
19 „	51	34	29	19
20 „	51	34	30	20
21 „	54	36	32	22
22 „	54	36	34	24
23 „	54	36	36	26
24 „	54	36	38	28
25 „	54	36	40	30
26 „	57	38	40	32
27 „	57	38	40	34
28 „	57	38	40	36
29 „	57	38	40	38
30 or over.....	60	40	40	40

Proportion of Pension to pay on retirement.

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PART II.

WIDOWS AND CHILDREN.

(a) WIDOWS' PENSIONS.

6. Widow's ordinary pension.—The pension shall be the amount specified under (i) or (ii) of the following scales whichever is the greater, that is to say :—

Scale (i).—If her husband was a constable or sergeant at the time of his death or retirement, at the rate of £30 a year ;
if he was a head constable at the time of his death or retirement, at the rate of £40 a year ;
if he was a higher rank at the time of his death or retirement at the rate of £50 a year.

Scale (ii).—An amount ascertained according to the length of her husband's service and his pay at the time of his death or retirement as follows :—

Completed Years of Approved Service.	Percentage of Annual Pay Per cent
30 years or over	12½
25 years and under 30	10
20 years and under 25	8
15 years and under 20	6
10 years and under 15	4

subject, however, in the case of the widow of a pensioner, to a deduction equal to twenty-five per cent. of the amount for each complete year for which her husband's pension had been drawn.

7. Widow's Special Pension.—The pension shall be equal to one-third of her husband's annual pay at the time of his death or retirement.

(b) WIDOW'S GRATUITIES.

8. The gratuity shall be of such amount as the Ministry, with the consent of the Ministry of Finance, shall determine, but not exceeding one-twelfth of her husband's annual pay for each completed year of approved service.

Where a member of the force has served for a period of less than seven years, his approved service shall, for purposes of this assessment only, be reckoned as seven years.

(c) CHILDREN'S ALLOWANCES.

9. Member of the force or pensioner dying as the result of non-accidental injury received in the execution of duty.—The allowance in respect of each child who has not attained the age of sixteen shall be an annual allowance, up to the time that the child attains the age of sixteen, at the rate of one-fifteenth of the annual pay, and, if he leaves no widow or the widow dies before all the children attain the age of sixteen, the allowance may be increased up to two-fifteenths of such pay in respect of each child under sixteen ; but in any case the aggregate amount paid in any year by way of children's allowances when added to the widow's pension, if any, shall not exceed two-thirds of such pay.

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10. Member of the force or Pensioner dying from any other cause.—The allowance in respect of each child who has not attained the age of sixteen shall be an annual allowance up to the time that child attains the age of sixteen at the rate of :—

£10 in the case of a person who was a constable or sergeant at the time of his death or retirement.

£12 in the case of a person who was a head constable at the time of his death or retirement ;

£15 in the case of a person who was of a higher rank at the time of his death or retirement :

Provided that the aggregate amount of such allowances in any year shall not exceed £30, £40 and £50 in the three cases respectively ; but if he leaves no widow, or if the widow dies before all the children attain the age of sixteen, the actual allowance or allowances and the aggregate amount of any allowances may be increased by fifty per cent. above the sums hereinbefore mentioned.

(d) CHILDREN'S GRATUITIES.

11. The gratuity shall be of such amount as the Ministry, with the consent of the Ministry of Finance, may determine, not exceeding one-sixtieth of the annual pay for each completed year of approved service of the member of the force or pensioner, so that the total amount of any gratuity or gratuties granted to the children or to the widow and children does not exceed one-twelfth of the annual pay for each completed year of approved service and the total amount of any gratuities granted to the children shall not, in any case, exceed the annual pay.

Where a member of the force has served for a period of less than seven years, his approved service shall, for the purpose of this assessment, be reckoned as seven years.

(3) DEPENDANT'S GRATUITIES.

12. The total amount of any gratuity or gratuities paid to a dependant or dependants of a member of the force or pensioner shall be of such amount as the Ministry, with the consent of the Ministry of Finance, shall determine, but not exceeding one-twelfth of the constable's annual pay for each completed year of approved service, provided that, for the purpose of this assessment, the approved service, if less than seven years, shall be reckoned by adding to actual service a period not exceeding five years.

PART III.

GENERAL RULES.

13. The same person shall not be entitled, unless expressly so provided in this Order, to a gratuity in addition to a pension or allowance, or to both an ordinary pension and a special pension.

14. A gratuity shall be paid in one sum, except that in special cases it may be paid by instalments or applied on behalf of the grantee if the Ministry on the recommendation of the Inspector General considers that it would be to the advantage of a widow, child or dependant to do so ; and a child's allowance or gratuity or a dependant's gratuity may be paid to a guardian or trustee if the Ministry on the recommendation of the Inspector-General considers that it would be to the advantage of the child or dependant to do so.

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15. If the widow of a member of the force was at the time of his death living apart from her husband (not having been deserted by him), a pension or gratuity shall be paid to her only if the Ministry on the recommendation of the Inspector-General is satisfied that the husband regularly contributed to her support; and the amount of a pension shall not, in such case, exceed the amount which the husband contributed.

16. The widow and children of a pensioner shall not receive any pension, allowance or gratuity unless the marriage took place before he retired on pension.

17. The pension of the widow of a member of the force to whom a gratuity has been granted on retirement shall be payable as from such date after his death as the Ministry, on the report of the Inspector-General, and with the consent of the Ministry of Finance, may determine, and the pension of the widow of a pensioner shall be payable as from the end of the last period in respect of which her husband's pension was paid.

18. The payment of a widow's pension or the balance of a widow's gratuity shall, if at any time she re-marries, be suspended, but, in the event of her again becoming a widow, shall be resumed on proof to the satisfaction of the Ministry, with the consent of the Ministry of Finance, that her circumstances are such that the pension or balance of gratuity is necessary for her support, and that she is of good character, and deserving of bounty out of the public funds.

19. A widow's pension or the balance of a widow's gratuity shall be payable only so long as she is of good character.

20.—(a) In calculating any pension, gratuity or allowance, for the purposes of this order, "annual pay" means annual pay at the date of death or retirement as the case may require:

Provided that:—

(1) Where a member of the force at the date of his retirement or death holds a rank to which he has been promoted within the three preceding years, his annual pay at the date of the retirement or death shall be deemed to be the average annual amount of pay received by him for the said three years, instead of the annual amount actually received by him at that date, so, however, that the pension, allowance or maximum gratuity payable shall not be less than if he had continued in his former rank; and

(2) Where the pay at the date of death or retirement was weekly pay, the amount of the annual pay shall be deemed to be fifty-two times the amount of the weekly pay.

(b) For the purpose of the foregoing provisions of this rule, the following shall be recognised as ranks in the force, that is to say:—

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Inspector-General

Deputy Inspector-General

Commissioner of the County Borough of Belfast

County Inspector

Commissioner of the County Borough of Londonderry

Medical Officer of the force

Barrack Master of the Depot

District Inspector, Class 1

District Inspector, Class 2

District Inspector, Class 3

Head Constable

Sergeant

Constable

SECOND SCHEDULE.

RULES WITH RESPECT TO DEDUCTIONS FROM APPROVED SERVICE FOR SICKNESS, MISCONDUCT, OR NEGLECT OF DUTY.

(a) A member of the force who on account of illness or for other cause (not being an injury suffered in the execution of his duty) is allowed leave of absence or suspended, and who does not subsequently resume the performance of his regular duties for one month at least, is not entitled to have the time of such absence or suspension reckoned as part of his period of approved service.

(b) A member of the force who is suspended for a week, or longer, on account of misconduct is not entitled to have the time of such suspension reckoned as part of his period of approved service unless he is reinstated with pay during suspension.

(c) A member of the force who is absent from duty without leave is not entitled to have the time of absence reckoned as part of his period of approved service.

Representative Bodies, Establishment of.

RULES UNDER THE CONSTABULARY AND POLICE (IRELAND) ACT, 1919, AS APPLIED BY THE CONSTABULARY ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1922, MADE BY THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS, (NORTHERN IRELAND.

1923. No. 36.

WHEREAS BY THE CONSTABULARY AND POLICE (IRELAND) ACT, 1919, it is amongst other things enacted that for the

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purpose of enabling the members of the Royal Irish Constabulary and Dublin Metropolitan Police to consider and bring to the notice of the Chief Officer and of the Lord Lieutenant all the matters affecting their welfare and efficiency, other than questions of discipline and promotion affecting individuals, there shall be established in each force, in accordance with rules made by the Lord Lieutenant, a representative body or bodies for all or each of the ranks below the rank of Assistant-Inspector-General in the case of the Royal Irish Constabulary, consisting of representatives elected by the members of the ranks or rank represented from amongst their number in manner prescribed by those rules ; and that each representative body shall be entirely independent of and unassociated with any body or person outside the force which it represents ; and it is thereby further provided that, subject as aforesaid, it shall not be lawful for a member of either police force to become, or after the expiration of one month from the passing of the said Act, to be a member of any trade union, or of any association of which the objects or one of the objects are or is to control or influence the pay, pensions, or conditions of service of any police force ; and any member of either force who contravenes this provision shall be disqualified for continuing to be a member of the force ; and if any member of either force continues to act as such after becoming so disqualified he shall forfeit all pension rights and be disqualified for being thereafter employed in any police force ; provided that, where a man was a member of a trade union before becoming a member of the force, he may, with the consent of the Chief Officer, continue to be a member of that union during the time of his service in the force ; and that if any question arises whether any body or association is a trade union or association to which this section applies, the question shall be determined by the Lord Lieutenant.

And Whereas it is further enacted by the Constabulary Act (Northern Ireland), 1922, Section 1, sub-section 3, that the enactments relating to the Royal Irish Constabulary, and the management and control of that force, shall, subject as in the said Act provided, apply to the Royal Ulster Constabulary, and the management and control thereof, as if enacted in the Act.

And Whereas it is further enacted by the Constabulary Act (Northern Ireland), 1922, Section 2, Sub-Section 1, that the Lord Lieutenant may appoint and remove each officer and constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, but all other powers, which in relation to the Royal Irish Constabulary were exercisable by the Lord Lieutenant or the Lord Lieutenant in Council, shall, in relation to the Royal Ulster Constabulary, be vested in and exercisable by the Minister (therein defined by Section 9 as the Minister of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland) and in the enactments applied to the Royal Ulster Constabulary and the management and control thereof the Minister shall, except as in the Act provided, be substituted for the Lord Lieutenant or the Lord Lieutenant in Council as the case requires.

Now therefore I, the Right Honourable Sir Richard Dawson Bates, Minister of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland, by virtue of the powers vested in me under the Constabulary and Police (Ireland) Act, 1919, as applied by the Constabulary Act (Northern Ireland), 1922, and of every other power me in that behalf enabling, do hereby make the following rules :—

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(1)—There shall be established in that Force in accordance with these rules, a Representative Body for County and District Inspectors, and a Representative Body for Head Constables, Sergeants and Constables, consisting of representatives elected by the members of the ranks represented from amongst their number in the manner prescribed by these Rules.

(2)—The Representative Body for County and District Inspectors shall consist of one County Inspector and three District Inspectors, constituted as follows :—

County Inspectors.—The County Inspectors will elect one of their number to act on the Representative Body. For the purpose of this section the Commissioner of Police, Belfast, who will be regarded as a County Inspector, or in his absence the Senior County Inspector, will make the necessary arrangements for the election of the County Inspector to act on the Representative Body.

District Inspectors.—The District Inspectors serving in the County Borough of Belfast will elect one of their number ; the District Inspectors serving in the counties of Tyrone, Fermanagh, and Londonderry, and the County Borough of Londonderry, will elect one of their number, and the District Inspectors serving in the Counties of Antrim, Armagh and Down, will elect one of their number to act on the Representative Body.

(3)—The Representative Body for Head Constables, Sergeants, and Constables shall consist of two Head Constables, three Sergeants, and five Constables, constituted as follows :—

Head Constables.—The Head Constables of the County Borough of Belfast will elect one of their number and the Head Constables of the Six Counties and the County Borough of Londonderry, will elect one of their number to act on the Representative Body.

Sergeants.—The Sergeants of the County Borough of Belfast will elect one of their number, the Sergeants of the Counties of Fermanagh, Tyrone, and Londonderry and the County Borough of Londonderry, will elect one of their number, and the Sergeants of the Counties of Antrim, Down and Armagh will elect one of their number to act on the Representative Body.

Constables.—The Constables in the County Borough of Belfast will elect two of their number, the Constables of the Counties of Fermanagh and Tyrone will elect one of their number, the Constables of the Counties of Antrim and Londonderry and the County Borough of Londonderry will elect one of their number, and the Constables of Armagh and Down will elect one of their number to act on the Representative Body.

(4) (*a*)—The method of selection will be by nomination and election.

(*b*)—Candidates for election on the Representative Body must be nominated and seconded by persons of the same rank who will sign the printed nomination papers.

(*c*)—Such nominations must be lodged with the Senior County Inspector of the Area to which they are applicable, at least 10 clear days prior to the election.

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(*d*)—The Senior County Inspector of each Area, having received the nominations will prepare lists (one for each rank) showing the rank, surname, christian name or names, and stations of the candidates, together with the names of their Proposers and Seconders, and cause such lists to be exhibited at each station in the Area to which men of similar rank are attached, not less than 3 clear days previous to the date of the election.

(*e*)—On the day of the election each member of the Force will vote for the candidate or candidates (where more than one representative is to be elected) he prefers by writing the name or names of such candidate or candidates on the voting papers supplied, and placing the same in a sealed envelope and then writing his own name and rank on the back of the envelope, and lodging same with the person in charge of the station. The hours for voting shall be between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.

(*f*)—Members of the Force on leave or absent on duty from their Area are entitled to vote for representatives for their own Area only, but the onus is placed on them to have their votes, recorded as in (*e*), lodged with the District Inspector of their District prior to the close of the poll. Such votes may be despatched prior to the opening of the poll and should be enclosed in a second covering envelope.

(*g*)—County Inspectors will forward their votes, recorded as in (*e*), and enclosed in a second covering envelope, to the Commissioner, Belfast, or in his absence to the Senior County Inspector so as to arrive with him prior to the closing of the poll. Such votes may be despatched prior to the opening of the poll.

(*h*)—At 8 p.m. on the close on the poll, the envelopes should be forwarded by the person in charge of the station in a sealed packet to the District Inspector of the District, who will forward on the day following the election, such packets unopened, and enclosed in one large envelope, to the County Inspector of his County, who will then proceed to count the votes recorded, in the presence of scrutineers appointed from the Headquarters Station, one for each rank.

The voting papers having been duly counted will be sealed up in envelopes, again in the presence of the scrutineers, and will be retained by the County Inspector for a period of 28 days, after which they will be destroyed.

(*j*)—The County Inspector will then forward the result of the voting, signed by himself and the scrutineers, to the Senior County Inspector of the Area concerned, who will add together the number of votes recorded for each candidate in each County of the Area, again in the presence of scrutineers appointed from the Headquarters Station, one for each rank, and will declare which candidate is elected.

(*k*)—The County Inspector and the scrutineers being satisfied as to the result of the election, the names of the candidates and the number of votes recorded for each shall be circulated to each station in the Area.

(*l*)—In the case of equality in the number of votes recorded in favour of any two or more candidates and those candidates are unable to come to an agreement between themselves, the matter shall be referred to the Inspector General with a view to a fresh election taking place to decide which of the two or more interested candidates shall become the representative or representatives

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(*m*)—No person shall control, direct, influence, or in any other way interfere with or cause to be controlled, directed, influenced, or interfered with, the nomination or election of a Representative.

(5)—For the purpose of all these elections the Depot will be deemed to be part of the County in which it is situated, and the Headquarters of the Inspector General as part of the County Borough of Belfast.

(6) The representatives of the various ranks shall not cease to be members for the area for which elected, even if transferred to another area, and vacancies shall not arise save in the case of a representative leaving the Force, changing rank, or resignation from the Representative Body. Casual vacancies so arising shall be filled under the foregoing rules by members of the Force of the rank and in the area where the vacancy occurred.

(7)—The Representative Bodies may make application to the Inspector General for any information they desire to obtain with a view to assist them in their deliberations.

(8)—Each Representative Body shall choose its Chairman and Secretary from among its own members. Where there is an equality of votes regarding any point which may be under consideration, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

(9)—Leave (not to count against annual leave) shall be given for attendance at the Meetings of the Representative Bodies, and every such attendance shall, as regards allowances and expenses, be deemed to be an occasion of Police duty.

(10)—The elections shall take place annually in the month of September, the retiring members being eligible for re-election, and annual Meetings of the Representative Bodies shall be held in the month of October, on a date and at a place to be fixed by the Inspector General. Meetings for special purposes shall be held as occasion arises and on such dates and at such places as the Inspector General may determine. No meetings of the Representative Bodies are to extend beyond three days, save by the sanction of the Inspector General.

(11)—The two Representative Bodies may by agreement sit together as a joint Representative Body for any special purpose, or regularly for all purposes of common interest. They may also be summoned to sit as a joint Representative Body by the Inspector General for the consideration of any question referred to them by him.

Signed this 20th day of July, 1923.

R. Dawson Bates,
Minister of Home Affairs
for Northern Ireland.

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REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE.
Forms of Claim for Registration.

ORDER MADE BY THE LORDS JUSTICES AND PRIVY COUNCIL OF NORTHERN IRELAND.

1923. No. 35.

BY THE LORDS JUSTICES AND PRIVY COUNCIL IN NORTHERN IRELAND.

WILLIAM MOORE.

WHEREAS by the Representation of the People Order made under section 13 of the Representation of the People Act, 1918 (in this Order referred to as " the Act of 1918 "), His Majesty has been pleased by Order in Council, amongst other matters, to prescribe the forms to be used for registration purposes so far as respects local government franchise :

AND WHEREAS by section 40 (2) of the Act of 1918 any Order in Council made thereunder may be revoked or varied as occasion requires by any subsequent Order in Council :

AND WHEREAS by the Local Government (Franchise) Act (Northern Ireland), 1923 (hereinafter referred to as " the Act of 1923 "), the Act of 1918 in its application to local government franchises in Northern Ireland was amended :

AND WHEREAS by section 1 (2) of the Act of 1923 it is enacted that the Governor may by Order in the Privy Council of Northern Ireland, prescribe the forms to be used for registration purposes so far as respects the local government franchises, and may by any such order (with the approval of the Secretary of State) make such alterations of the forms prescribed by or under section 13 of the Representation of the People Act, 1918, in their application to these franchises in Northern Ireland, as appear to him to be necessary or proper, for the purpose of giving effect to the Act of 1923 :

AND WHEREAS alterations of certain of the forms prescribed by or under section 13 of the Act of 1918 in their application to local government franchises in Northern Ireland are necessary and proper for the purpose of giving effect to the Act of 1923 ;

NOW WE the LORDS JUSTICES OF NORTHERN IRELAND by and with the advice and consent of His Majesty's Privy Council in Northern Ireland with the approval of the Secretary of State and by virtue and in pursuance of the powers vested in US for that purpose by the Act of 1923 and of all other powers enabling US do hereby order as follows :—

Form (1) Man's Claim, and Form (2) Woman's Claim in Schedule III. of the Representation of the People Order shall in their application to local government franchises in Northern Ireland be altered and the forms set out in the Schedule to this Order shall be substituted for the said Forms.

GIVEN at Belfast, this 29th day of June, 1923.

BY THEIR EXCELLENCIES' COMMAND,

R. Dawson Bates.

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SCHEDULE.

Registration Unit..... Polling District.....

(1)

MAN'S CLAIM.

To the Registration Officer for the Constituency of.....

Address.....

I*.....hereby declare as follows:

*Here insert name in full.

**Here insert full postal address of premises in respect of which claim is made.

§ Here insert last day of qualifying period.

¶ Strike out whichever of (*a*) or (*b*) is inapplicable.

Parliamentary (Residence)

1. I was residing at**.....

on the§.....day of.....last, and during the whole of the six months ending on the said day, I have resided

at ¶
- (*a*) the said premises.....
- (*b*) qualifying premises as follows:—
  - from.....to.....at .....
  - from.....to.....at .....
  - &c. &c. &c.

† Here insert full postal address and description (*e.g.*, shop at .....) of premises in respect of which claim is made.

¶ Strike out whichever of (*a*) or (*b*) is inapplicable.

Parliamentary (Business Premises)

2. I was in occupation of†.....

for the purpose of my business (profession) (trade) as .....

on the§.....day of.....last, and during the whole of the six months ending on the said day I have been in occupation, for the purpose of my said business (profession) (trade)

of ¶
- (*a*) the said premises.....
- (*b*) qualifying premises as follows:—
  - from.....to.....at .....
  - from.....to.....at .....
  - &c. &c. &c.

The said premises are (each) of the rateable value of not less than ten pounds.

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Local Government.

3. I was in occupation of**.....

on the§.....day of.....last, and during the whole period of six months ending on the said day, I have been in

occupation of ¶ { (*a*) the said premises..... / (*b*) qualifying premises as follows :—

from.....to.....at .....

from.....to.....at .....

&c. &c. &c.

** Here insert full postal address and description of premises in respect of which Local Government Franchise is claimed *e.g.*, land at ..... dwelling-house at ..... shop at..... lodgings let unfurnished at..).

¶ Strike out whichever of (*a*) or (*b*) is inapplicable.

Such of the said premises as do not comprise a dwelling-house are of the rateable value of not less than five pounds.

4. I had attained the age of twenty-one on the date inserted above as the last day of the qualifying period.

5. I am a British subject.

6. I reside at‡.....

.....

‡ Here insert full postal address of residence or, if claimant has no settled residence of place to which communications may be sent.

I hereby claim to be registered as an elector for the franchise to which I am entitled in respect of the particulars given in the above declaration.

Signed .....

Date .....

NOTE.

1. Any false declaration made for the purpose of this claim will render the claimant liable to a penalty.

2. If Parliamentary Franchise in respect of a residence qualification is not claimed, paragraph 1 should not be filled in.

   If Parliamentary Franchise in respect of a business occupation qualification is not claimed, paragraph 2 should not be filled in.

   If Local Government Franchise in respect of any qualification is not claimed, paragraph 3 should not be filled in.

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Registration Unit..... Polling District.....

(2)

WOMAN'S CLAIM.

To the Registration Officer

for the Constituency of.....

Address.....

* Here insert name in full.

I*.....hereby declare as follows :—

1. I / My husband‡ was in occupation of**.....

.....on the§.....day of.....

last, and during the whole period of six months ending on the said day I have / my husband has‡ been in occupation of¶

(*a*) the said premises

.....

(*b*) qualifying premises as follows :—

from..... to.....at.....

from..... to.....at.....

&c. &c. &c.

Such of the said premises as do not comprise a dwelling-house are of the rateable value of not less than five pounds, and I am / my husband is‡ entitled to be registered as a local government elector in respect of the occupation in the above-mentioned constituency of the said premises.

Parliamentary.

** Here insert full postal address of premises in respect of which Parliamentary Franchise is claimed

‡ Strike out these words if the claim is made in respect of claimant's own qualification and not her husband's.

¶ Strike out whichever of (*a*) or (*b*) is inapplicable.

2. I / My husband‡ was in occupation of† .....

.....on the§.....day of.....

last, and during the whole period of six months ending on the said day.

Local Government.

† Here insert full postal address and description of premises in respect of which Local Government Franchise is claimed.

§ Here insert *last* day of qualifying period.

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Local Government.

I have / my husband has‡ been in

occupation of¶ (*a*) the said premises

.....

(*b*) qualifying premises as follows :—

from..... to.....at.....

from..... to.....at.....

&c. &c. &c.

‡ Strike out these words if the claim is made in respect of claimant's own qualification and not her husband's.

¶ Strike out whichever of (*a*) or (*b*) is inapplicable.

Such of the said premises as do not comprise a dwelling-house are of the rateable value of not less than five pounds.

My husband is entitled to be registered as a local government elector in respect of the occupation of the above premises, and we both reside there‡

3. I had attained the age of§§..... on the date inserted in paragraphs 1 and 2 as the last day of the qualifying period.

§§ The qualifying age is 30 years in all cases except for the local government franchise in respect of a woman's *own* qualification in which case, it is 21 years.

4. I am a British subject.

5. I reside at†.....

.....

I hereby claim to be registered as an elector for the franchise to which I am entitled in respect of the particulars given in the above declaration.

† Here insert full postal address of residence or, if claimant has no settled residence place to which communications may be sent.

Signed.....

.....

NOTE.

1. Any false declaration made for the purposes of this claim will render the claimant liable to a penalty.
2. If Parliamentary Franchise is not claimed, paragraph 1 should not be filled in.

   If Local Government Franchise is not claimed, paragraph 2 should not be filled in.

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ROAD VEHICLES.

Heavy Motor Car.

ORDER MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS FOR NORTHERN IRELAND PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE MOTOR CAR ACT, 1903,* SECTION 12.

1923. No. 15.

To the County Councils of the several Administrative Counties in Northern Ireland ;

To the Councils of the several County Boroughs in Northern Ireland ;

To the Urban District Councils of the several Urban County Districts in Northern Ireland ;

And to all others whom it may concern :

WHEREAS by the Heavy Motor Car (Ireland) (Amendment) Order, 1919, made by the Local Government Board for Ireland in pursuance of the provisions of section 12 of the Motor Car Act, 1903, it was ordered amongst other matters that every heavy motor car used on any highway should be fitted with a device so constructed and fixed and of such a character as would prevent mud or water being thrown by such heavy motor car upon any person or property or upon any other vehicles :

AND WHEREAS in Northern Ireland the Irish Services in connection with roads, and road transport (excluding railways) are now vested in the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland :

AND WHEREAS it is expedient that the operation of the aforesaid should be suspended :

NOW THEREFORE the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland in exercise of all powers in that behalf enabling it hereby orders and directs, that as from the date of this Order, the Heavy Motor Car (Ireland) (Amendment) Order, 1919, shall unless and until the said Ministry otherwise orders and directs cease to have effect.

Given under the Seal of the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland this fifteenth day of March, in the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-three.

(L.S.) (Signed) *Geo. A. Harris,*
Assistant Secretary.

*3 Edw. 7, c. 36.

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE.

Appropriations in Aid.

MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER SECTION 12 (3) OF THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACT, 1920 (10 & 11 GEO. 5, C. 30), AS AMENDED BY SECTION 7 OF THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1922 (12 & 13 GEO. 5, C. 7).

1923. No. 47.

WHEREAS it is provided by section 12 (3) of the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1920 (hereinafter referred to as "the 1920 Act"), as the 1920 Act applies to Northern Ireland and in particular as amended in its application to Northern Ireland by section 7 of the Unemployment Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1922, that such sum as the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland may direct, not exceeding one-eighth of the receipts paid into the Northern Irish Unemployment Fund after certain deductions referred to in the said section have been made, shall in accordance with Regulations made by the said Ministry be applied as an appropriation in aid of the moneys provided by Parliament for the purpose of the salaries, remuneration and expenses mentioned in the said section 12 (3) of the 1920 Act.

NOW THEREFORE, the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland, by virtue of the powers hereinbefore mentioned, hereby makes the following regulations :—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Unemployment Insurance (Northern Ireland) (Appropriations in Aid) Regulations, 1923.

2.—(i) In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires :—

"the Ministry" means the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland.

"The Fund" means the Northern Irish Unemployment Fund established under Section 14 (1) of the 1920 Act as modified and adapted by the Government of Ireland (Adaptation of Unemployment Insurance Acts) Order, 1922, made under Section 69 of the Government of Ireland Act, 1920.

(ii) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland), 1921 (12 Geo. 5. c. 4) applies for the purpose of the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies for the purpose of the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

3. Whenever any payment is made from the Vote for Unemployment Insurance to the Fund under the Unemployment Insurance Acts (Northern Ireland) 1920 to 1923, a corresponding payment shall (save as is hereinafter provided in Regulation 8) be made simultaneously from the Fund and applied as an appropriation in aid of the Ministry's Vote under subsection (3) of Section twelve of the 1920 Act, as amended by Section seven of the Unemployment Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1922.

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4. The payment under sub-section (3) of section twelve of the 1920 Act as amended by section seven of the Unemployment Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1922, corresponding to any payment from the Vote for Unemployment Insurance to the Fund under the Unemployment Insurance Acts (Northern Ireland) 1920 to 1923, shall be one-eighth of the latter payment together with one-eighth of the contributions from employers and employed persons on which that payment was based, less one-eighth of the sum (if any) paid out of the Fund by way of interest on moneys advanced by the Ministry of Finance under sub-section (1) of section five of the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1921, as amended by later Acts.

5. Whenever any sum is received by the Fund by way of interest on moneys invested under Section 14 (3) of the 1920 Act, one-eighth of such sum shall forthwith be paid out of the Fund and applied as an Appropriation in Aid of the Ministry's Vote.

6. As soon as may be after the 31st March in any year the Ministry shall transmit to the Ministry of Finance a statement showing :—

firstly, the total amount advanced by the Ministry of Finance to the Fund during the preceding financial year ;

secondly, the receipts of the Fund other than advances from the Ministry of Finance during the preceding financial year, distinguishing :—

(a) the contributions received from employers and employed persons (other than contributions in respect of seamen, marines, soldiers and airmen paid in accordance with section 41 of the 1920 Act as amended by section 7 of the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1921) under the general provisions of the Unemployment Insurance Acts (Northern Ireland), 1920 to 1923 ;

(b) the contributions received from the Admiralty, Army Council and Air Council or from any Imperial Department acting on their behalf by way of employers' and employed persons' contributions in respect of seamen, marines, soldiers and airmen as calculated for the purposes of section 41 of the 1920 Act as amended by section 7 of the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1921 ;

(c) the contributions from the Vote under the Unemployment Insurance Acts (Northern Ireland), 1920 to 1923 ;

(d) interest received on moneys invested under section 14 (3) of the 1920 Act ;

(e) any other receipts ; and

thirdly, the sums paid in respect of the same period from the Fund :—

(a) as interest on Ministry of Finance advances ;

(b) for transfer to the Appropriations in Aid of the Ministry's Vote.

7. On receipt of the aforesaid statement the Ministry of Finance shall ascertain :—

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firstly, whether the sum appropriated in aid of the Ministry's Vote in the preceding financial year diverges from one-eighth of the income of the Fund other than advances by the Ministry of Finance and after deducting the interest paid on such advances, and the amount of such divergence, if any; and

secondly, whether the aforesaid one-eighth exceeds the expenditure out of moneys provided by Parliament incurred by the Ministry or by any other Government Department during the same period in carrying into effect the Unemployment Insurance Acts (Northern Ireland) 1920 to 1923, and the amount of such excess, if any.

8. The Ministry of Finance shall thereupon certify to the Ministry whether adjustment is necessary, and if adjustment is necessary the Ministry shall accordingly either make such transfer from the Fund to be appropriated in aid of the Ministry's Vote or so diminish one or more of the sums to be appropriated in aid under Regulation 3, as may be required.

9. The Ministry of Finance may require such Accounting Departments as appear to them to have defrayed, during any financial year, expenses in connection with the administration of the Unemployment Insurance Acts (Northern Ireland), 1920 to 1923, to transmit to them statements of such expenses defrayed from the Votes administered by the respective Departments.

10. The Unemployment Insurance (Appropriations in Aid) Regulations, 1921 (S.R. & O., 1921 No. 1854), dated 3rd December, 1921, are hereby revoked as regards their application to Northern Ireland.

11. These Regulations shall be deemed to have had effect as from the 6th day of April, 1922.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance, this 19th day of October, 1923, in the presence of

G. C. Duggan,
Assistant Secretary.

(O.S.)

Computation of Periods.

MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1920 TO 1923.

1923. No. 31.

For the purpose of providing that in computing a continuous period of unemployment within the meaning of section six of the Unemployment Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1923 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act"), a period of consecutive days shall be treated as exclusive of Sundays, and for the purpose of allowing in certain cases an earlier date to be substituted for that prescribed by Section seven of the Act as the date of the commencement of a period of unemploy-

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ment, the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland by virtue of the powers conferred on it by the said sections and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf hereby makes the following Regulations :—

1. For the purposes of section six of the Act a period of consecutive days shall be exclusive of Sundays.

2. If in any case an insured contributor claiming benefit in respect of a period of unemployment proves that he was on a date earlier than that upon which he made application for benefit in the prescribed manner in all respects qualified to make the claim, and that there was good cause for his failure to make the claim on that date, such earlier date shall for the purpose of determining the commencement of that period of unemployment be substituted for the date on which the insured contributor made application for benefit in the prescribed manner.

3. These Regulations may be cited as the Unemployment Insurance (Computation of Periods) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1923, and article 1 thereof shall be deemed to have effect as from the twelfth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-three.

Given under the Official Seal of the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland this 31st day of May, 1923.

(Signed),

J. A. Dale,

(L.S.) Secretary of the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland.

Continuous Period of Unemployment (Transitional).

MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1923.

1923. No. 34.

For the purpose of providing for the transition from the provisions of the Unemployment Insurance Acts (Northern Ireland), 1920 to 1922, relating to continuous periods of unemployment to the provisions of section six of the Unemployment Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1923 (hereinafter referred to as the Act of 1923), the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland by virtue of the powers conferred on it by the said section and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations :—

1. Where a continuous period of unemployment of not less than one week occurs before the commencement of section six of the Act of 1923 and is followed by a continuous period of unemployment beginning on a date between the commencement of that section and the third day of May, 1923, those two continuous periods of unemployment shall, if separated by a period of not more than six weeks be treated as a continuous period of unemployment.

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2. Any days of unemployment occurring between the commencement of section six of the Act of 1923 and the third day of May, 1923, which, together with any days of unemployment occurring before the commencement of that section, might have been treated under the Unemployment Insurance Acts (Northern Ireland), 1920 to 1922, as a continuous period of unemployment, may, together with such days, be so treated, notwithstanding the repeal of the provisions of the last-mentioned Acts relating to the computation of continuous periods of unemployment.

3. A continuous period of unemployment which begins before and continues after the commencement of section six of the Act of 1923 shall, together with :—

(a) any previous continuous period of unemployment of not less than one week from which it is separated by an interval of not more than six weeks ; and

(b) any subsequent continuous period of unemployment from which it is separated by a period of less than three weeks.

be treated as a continuous period of unemployment.

4. In these Regulations, the expression "continuous period of unemployment" where it refers to a period beginning after the commencement of section six of the Act of 1923 has the same meaning as in that Act, and where it refers to a period occurring or beginning before the commencement of that section has the same meaning as in the Unemployment Insurance Acts (Northern Ireland), 1920 to 1922.

5. These Regulations may be cited as the Unemployment Insurance (Continuous Period of Unemployment) (Transitional) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1923.

Given under the Official Seal of the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland this 31st day of May, 1923.

(Signed),

(L.S.) *J. A. Dale,*

Secretary, Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland.

Courts of Referees (Amending).

MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1920 TO 1923.

1923. No. 41.

The Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland by virtue of the powers conferred on it by the Unemployment Insurance Acts (Northern Ireland), 1920 to 1923, and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf hereby makes the following Regulations :—

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1. The provisions of the Unemployment Insurance (Courts of Referees) (Amending) (No. 2) Regulations, 1921, shall cease to have effect as from the date of the making of these Regulations.

2. These Regulations may be cited as the Unemployment Insurance (Courts of Referees) (Amending) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1923, and may be read as one with the Unemployment Insurance (Courts of Referees) Regulations, 1920, the Unemployment Insurance (Courts of Referees) (Amending) Regulations, 1921, and the Unemployment Insurance (Courts of Referees) (Amending) (No. 2) Regulations, 1921 (in so far as those Regulations apply to Northern Ireland) and these Regulations and the Unemployment Insurance (Courts of Referees) Regulations 1920, and the Unemployment Insurance (Courts of Referees) (Amending) Regulations, 1921, and the Unemployment Insurance (Courts of Referees) (Amending) (No. 2) Regulations, 1921 (in so far as those Regulations apply to Northern Ireland) may be cited together as the Unemployment Insurance (Courts of Referees) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1920 to 1923.

Given under the official seal of the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland this 14th day of September, Nineteen hundred and twenty-three.

(L.S.) *J. A. Dale,*

Secretary to the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland.

Insurance Industry Special Scheme (Amendment).

MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR UNDER THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACT, 1920. SPECIAL ORDER [No. 1.]

1923. No. 32.

WHEREAS the Minister of Labour for the United Kingdom by the Unemployment Insurance (Insurance Industry Special Scheme) Order, 1921 (*a*) approved for the purposes of section 18 of the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1920, a special scheme for the Insurance Industry.

AND WHEREAS by the Government of Ireland (Adaptation of Unemployment Insurance Acts) Order, 1922 (*b*) the scheme was continued in force in Northern Ireland as from the first day of January, nineteen hundred and twenty-two.

AND WHEREAS application has been made to the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland under sub-section 9 of Section 18 of the said Act for the variation and amendment of the provisions of the said scheme.

NOW THEREFORE the said Ministry by virtue of the powers conferred on it by the said section 18 and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf hereby makes the following Special Order :—

1 The following amendments shall be made in the second Schedule to the said Scheme—

(*a*) Imp. S. R. & O., 1921, No. 1,281. (*b*) Imp. S. R. & O., 1922, No. 185.

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(*a*) In paragraph (1), 20 shillings, 16 shillings, 10 shillings, and 8 shillings shall be substituted respectively for 17 shillings, 14 shillings, 8 shillings and sixpence, and 7 shillings.
(*b*) Paragraph (6) shall cease to have effect.

2. This Order may be cited as the Unemployment Insurance (Insurance Industry Special Scheme) (Amendment) Special Order (Northern Ireland), 1923, and shall be deemed to have come into operation on the 1st day of July, 1923.

Given under the Official Seal of the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland this Thirtieth day of June, nineteen hundred and twenty-three.

(L.S.) (Signed) *J. A. Dale,*
Secretary to the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland.

MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACT, (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1923. AMENDMENT ORDER NO. 1,

1923. No. 33.

WHEREAS it is provided by Section 9 of the Unemployment Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1923 (hereinafter referred to as " the Act of 1923 "), that for the purpose of securing in the case of a special scheme that like rates of benefit shall be payable to the person to whom the scheme applies as are payable under the Act of 1923, and that the benefits under the scheme shall otherwise be not less favourable than those provided by the general provisions of the Unemployment Insurnace Acts (Northern Ireland), 1920 to 1922 (but for no other purposes), the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland (hereinafter referred to as " the Ministry ") may, after consultation with the body charged with the administration of the scheme, by order vary or amend the provisions of the scheme, and any such order may provide for consequential amendments as to the rates of contributions and otherwise.

AND WHEREAS by the Unemployment Insurance (Insurance Industry Special Scheme) Order, 1921 (*a*) the Insurance Industry Unemployment Insurance Scheme (hereinafter referred to as " the Scheme ") was approved by the Minister of Labour for the United Kingdom under the powers conferred upon him by Section 18 of the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1920.

AND WHEREAS by the Government of Ireland (Adaptation of Unemployment Insurance Acts), Order, 1922, the scheme was continued in force in Northern Ireland as from the first day of January, nineteen hundred and twenty-two.

AND WHEREAS the Incorporated Insurance Industry Unemployment Insurance Board (hereinafter referred to as " the Joint Board ") is the body charged with the administration of the scheme.

(*a*) Imperial S. R. & O., 1921, No. 1,281.

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AND WHEREAS by the Unemployment Insurance (Insurance Industry Special Scheme) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland), 1922, (hereinafter referred to as the Amendment Order, 1922), for the purposes mentioned in Section 15 of the Unemployment Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1922, the provisions of the scheme were varied and amended.

AND WHEREAS for the purposes mentioned in Section 9 of the Act of 1923 it is necessary further to vary and amend the provisions of the scheme.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Ministry, after consultation with the Joint Board, hereby makes the following Order :—

1. The variations and amendments of the provisions of the Scheme contained in the Schedule hereto shall have effect as from the date of the making of this Order, except as is otherwise expressly provided in the said Schedule.
2. This Order may be cited as the Unemployment Insurance (Insurance Industry Special Scheme) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland), 1923, and this Order and the Unemployment Insurance (Insurance Industry Special Scheme) Orders (Northern Ireland), 1921 and 1922, may be cited together as the Unemployment Insurance (Insurance Industry Special Scheme) Orders (Northern Ireland), 1921 to 1923.

Given under the Official Seal of the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland this 31st day of May, 1923.

(Signed), *J. A. Dale,*

(L.S.) Secretary to the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland.

SCHEDULE.

1. The Fourth Special Period defined in paragraph 2 (2) of the Schedule to the Amendment Order, 1922, shall be extended so as to terminate on the seventeenth day of October, 1923, instead of on the first day of July, 1923, and the provisions of the said Schedule relating to benefit within the Fourth Special Period shall have effect subject to the following modifications :—

(1) The periods for which a person may be authorised to receive out-of-work benefit, shall be periods not exceeding in the aggregate forty-four weeks.

(2) Notwithstanding anything in the Scheme no person shall, except by virtue of an authorisation given by the Joint Board under paragraph 3 of the Schedule to the Amendment Order, 1922, as amended by this Order, receive out-of-work benefit in the Fourth Special Period for periods amounting in the aggregate to more than twenty-six weeks, and no person shall whether by virtue of such an authorisation as aforesaid, or otherwise, receive out-of-work benefit in the Fourth Special Period for periods amounting in the aggregate to more than forty-four weeks.

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(3) Where a disabled person, as defined by sub-section (1) of Section nine of the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1921, is in the opinion of the Joint Board by reason of his disability unable to undertake whole-time employment, the Joint Board may, notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 3 (3) (b) of the Schedule to the Amendment Order, 1922, authorise that person to receive out-of-work benefit.

(4) The provisions of paragraph 3 (1) (b) and 3 (5) of the Schedule to the Amendment Order, 1922, shall cease to have effect and paragraph 5 (1) (b) of the same Schedule shall have effect with the omission of the words from " or where the benefit " to " within the Fourth Special Period."

2.—(1) Clause 7 (1) of the Scheme shall have effect as if for the words " which section " there were substituted therein the words " and in section 6 (1) of the Unemployment Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1923, and those sections (except paragraph (b) of sub-section (2) of Section 7 of the Act)."

(2) The Joint Board may by rules provide for the transition from the provisions of Clause 7 (1) of the Scheme to the same provisions as amended by this Schedule and prescribe that a period of consecutive days shall for the purposes of the scheme as amended as aforesaid begin or end on such days as may be prescribed, and that such a period may be inclusive or exclusive of Sundays.

(3) This Clause shall have effect as from the twelfth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-three.

3. The following shall be substituted for paragraph 5 of the Second Schedule to the Scheme :—

> " 5. A period of unemployment shall not be deemed to commence until the date on which the person insured under the Scheme makes application for out-of-work benefit in the manner provided by the Scheme : Provided that rules may be made by the Joint Board for allowing some earlier date to be substituted for the date of application in cases in which good cause is shown for delay in making application."

4. The Joint Board shall, in exercising the powers conferred upon them by this Schedule, give effect to any general direction which may from time to time be given by the Ministry.

5. Save as in this Schedule otherwise expressly provided nothing herein contained shall operate so as to deprive any person of, or to prevent any person from receiving, any out-of-work benefit, which he would have been entitled to receive if the provisions of this Schedule had not come into force.

6. This Schedule shall be construed as one with the Scheme and the Schedule to the Amendment Order, 1922.

MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1923 (13 & 14 GEO. 5, C. 11). AMENDMENT ORDER NO. 2.

1923. No. 46.

WHEREAS by the Unemployment Insurance (Insurance Industry Special Scheme) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland), 1923 (herein-

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after referred to as " the Amendment Order, 1923 "), the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland (hereinafter referred to as " the Ministry ") in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 9 of the Unemployment Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1923 (hereinafter referred to as " the Act of 1923 "), varied and amended the provisions of the Insurance Industry Unemployment Insurance Scheme (hereinafter referred to as " the Scheme ") as regards the period ending the seventeenth day of October, 1923 (being the date of the termination of the Fourth Special Period as defined in paragraph 2 (2) of the Schedule to the Unemployment Insurance (Insurance Industry Special Scheme) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland), 1922 (hereinafter referred to as " the Amendment Order, 1922 ") and extended by the Amendment Order, 1923) ;

AND WHEREAS it is necessary for the purposes mentioned in Section 9 of the Act of 1923, further to vary and amend the provisions of the Scheme as regards the period subsequent to the said Fourth Special Period ;

NOW THEREFORE the Ministry, after consultation with the Incorporated Insurance Industry Unemployment Insurance Board (hereinafter referred to as " the Joint Board ") (being the body charged with the administration of the Scheme) by virtue of the power conferred upon it by Section 9 of the Act of 1923 and of all other powers in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order :—

1. The variations and amendments of the provisions of the Scheme contained in the Schedule hereto shall have effect.

2. This Order may be cited as the Unemployment Insurance (Insurance Industry Special Scheme) (Amendment) Order (No. 2) (Northern Ireland), 1923, and this Order and the Unemployment Insurance (Insurance Industry Special Scheme) Orders (Northern Ireland), 1921 to 1923, may be cited together as the Unemployment Insurance (Insurance Industry Special Scheme) Orders (Northern Ireland), 1921, 1922 and 1923 (2).

Given under the Official Seal of the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland this first day of September, Nineteen Hundred and Twenty-three.

(Signed) *H. Conacher*,
(L. S.) Asst. Secretary to the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland.

SCHEDULE.

1. The period beginning on the eighteenth day of October, 1923, and ending on the thirty-first day of December, 1923 (both days inclusive) shall be an intermediate period and during such intermediate period notwithstanding anything in the Scheme and any amendment thereof benefit shall be paid only during periods of unemployment which in the aggregate do not exceed one sixth of the period or the aggregate of the periods subsequent to the eight day of November, 1920, during which the person in receipt of benefit has been employed in the Insurance Industry.

PROVIDED THAT the Joint Board shall have power to authorise the receipt of benefit during the intermediate period by a person who

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is not or has ceased to be qualified for the receipt of benefit under the foregoing provisions for such periods as they may deem expedient and in exercising such power the Joint Board shall have regard to the question whether in all the circumstances of the case it is expedient in the public interest to give their authorisation.

2. This Schedule shall be construed as one with the Scheme and the respective Schedules to the Amendment Order, 1922, and the Amendment Order, 1923.

MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1923 (13 & 14 GEO. 5 (N.I.), c. 11). AMENDMENT ORDER No. 3.

1923. No. 61.

WHEREAS by the Unemployment Insurance (Insurance Industry Special Scheme) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland), 1923, the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland (hereinafter referred to as "the Ministry") in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 9 of the Unemployment Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1923 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act of 1923") varied and amended the provisions of the Insurance Industry Unemployment Insurance Scheme (hereinafter referred to as "the Scheme") as regards the period defined in the Act of 1923 as the Fourth Special Period.

AND WHEREAS it is necessary for the purposes mentioned in Section 9 of the Act of 1923 further to vary and amend the provisions of the Scheme as regards the Fourth Special Period.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Ministry, after consultation with the Incorporated Insurance Industry Unemployment Insurance Board (being the body charged with the administration of the Scheme), by virtue of the powers conferred on it by Section 9 of the Act of 1923 and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf hereby makes the following Order :—

1. The variations and amendments of the provisions of the Scheme contained in the Schedule hereto shall have effect.

2. This Order may be cited as the Unemployment Insurance (Insurance Industry Special Scheme) (Amendment) Order (No. 3) (Northern Ireland), 1923, and this Order and the Unemployment Insurance (Insurance Industry Special Scheme) Orders (Northern Ireland), 1921, 1922, and 1923 (2) may be cited together as the Unemployment Insurance (Insurance Industry Special Scheme) Orders (Northern Ireland), 1921, 1922 and 1923 (3).

Given under the Official Seal of the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland this 22nd day of November, Nineteen hundred and twenty-three.

(L.S.) (Signed) *H. Conacher.*

Asst. Secretary to the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland.

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SCHEDULE.

The provisions of sub-paragraphs (1) and (2) of paragraph 1 of the Schedule to the Unemployment Insurance (Insurance Industry Special Scheme) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland), 1923, shall have effect as if for the words "forty-four weeks" there were therein substituted "forty-nine weeks."

MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACT (N.I.), 1923, (13 & 14 GEO. 5 (N. I.), c. 1). SPECIAL ORDER NO. 2.

1923. No. 62.

WHEREAS the Minister of Labour for the United Kingdom by the Unemployment Insurance (Insurance Industry Special Scheme) Order, 1921, approved for the purposes of Section 18 of the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1920, a special scheme for the Insurance Industry.

AND WHEREAS by the Government of Ireland (Adaptation of Unemployment Insurance Act) Order, 1922, the Scheme was continued in force in Northern Ireland as from the first day of January, 1922.

AND WHEREAS application has been made to the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland under sub-section 9 of section 18 of said Act for the variation and amendment of the provisions of the said scheme.

NOW THEREFORE the said Ministry by virtue of the powers conferred on it by the said section 18 and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf hereby makes the following Special Order :—

1. The variations and amendments of the provisions of the said Scheme contained in the Schedule hereto shall have effect.

2. This Special Order may be cited as the Unemployment Insurance (Insurance Industry Special Scheme) (Amendment) Special Order (No. 2), 1923, and shall be deemed to have effect as from the first day of January, 1924.

Given under the Official Seal of the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland this tenth day of December nineteen hundred and twenty-three.

(L. S.)

(Signed) *H. Conacher,*
Assistant Secretary to the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland.

SCHEDULE.

ARRANGEMENT OF PARTS.

PART I.	General variations and amendments.
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PART I.

General Variations and Amendments.

1. The Insurance Industry Unemployment Insurance Scheme as adapted to Northern Ireland by the Government of Ireland (Adaptation of Unemployment Insurance Acts) Order, 1922 (hereinafter referred to as "The adapted Scheme"), as varied and amended by the provisions of the respective Schedules (hereinafter called "The Amending Schedules") to the Unemployment Insurance (Insurance Industry Special Scheme) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland), 1922, to the Unemployment Insurance (Insurance Industry Special Scheme) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland), 1923, to the Unemployment Insurance (Insurance Industry Special Scheme) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) (No. 2), 1923, and to the Unemployment Insurance (Insurance Industry Special Scheme) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) (No. 3), 1923, and by the provisions of the Unemployment Insurance (Insurance Industry Special Scheme) Special Order (Northern Ireland), 1923, and by the provisions of this Schedule shall be called "The Insurance Industry (Amended) Scheme (Northern Ireland) (1923)."

2. The Insurance Unemployment Board Incorporated as constituted by the Minister of Labour for Great Britain under the provisions of paragraphs 1 to 11 inclusive of the First Schedule to Part II of the Schedule to the Unemployment Insurance (Insurance Industry (Amended) Scheme) Special Order, 1923, shall be the body charged with the administration of the said Insurance Industry (Amended) Scheme (Northern Ireland), 1923 (hereinafter referred to as "the Scheme").

3. The joint insurance fund established under the Insurance Industry Unemployment Insurance Scheme (hereinafter referred to as "the insurance fund") shall continue under the control and management of Insurance Unemployment Board Incorporated (hereinafter referred to as "the Board").

4. There shall be substituted for the provisions of the adapted Scheme respectively mentioned in the first column of the following Table the provisions of Part II of this Schedule respectively set opposite to such first mentioned provisions in the second column of the said Table.

TABLE.

Provisions of the Adapted Scheme ..	Substituted provisions of Part II of this Schedule.
Clauses 2 and 4	Clause 3. The First Schedule to Part II.
Clause 3	Clauses 1 and 2.
Clause 5	Clause 4.
The First Schedule	
Clauses 6 and 7	Clause 5
The Second Schedule	
Clause 9	Clauses 6 and 7.
Clauses 11 to 14 (inclusive) ..	Clause 8.
Clause 15	Clause 9.
Clause 25	Clause 10.

5. The following provisions of the Adapted Scheme shall be deleted (that is to say) Clause 10, Clauses 16 to 24 (inclusive), Clause 26, the Third Schedule.

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6. The respective provisions of the amending Schedules and of the Unemployment Insurance (Insurance Industry Special Scheme) Special Order (Northern Ireland), 1923, shall cease to have effect.

7. The general provisions of the Principal Act set out with modifications in the Second Schedule to Part II of this Schedule shall apply for the purposes of the Scheme.

8. The Provisions of this Schedule shall be deemed to have come into force on the first day of January, 1924.

PART II (AMENDED INSURANCE PROVISIONS).

Arrangement of Clauses.

1. The Insurance Industry.
2. Scope of Scheme.
3. Body charged with the Administration of the Scheme.
4. Contributions.
5. Benefit.
6. Rules.
7. Determination of Claims.
8. Financial Provisions.
9. Determination of Scheme
10. Interpretation.

Schedules.

The Insurance Industry.

1. The Insurance Industry shall consist of the undertakings of all persons or bodies of persons whether corporate or incorporate and whether established within or without Northern Ireland engaged in Northern Ireland in all or any of the following classes of business :—

(*a*) the granting of insurances under contract.

(*b*) the administration of any system of insurance established by Act of the Imperial Parliament or the Parliament of Northern Ireland.

Scope of Scheme.

2.—(1) Subject to the provisions of the Scheme all persons of the age of sixteen and upwards employed in Northern Ireland in the Insurance Industry under any contract of service or apprenticeship written or oral whether expressed or implied and whether the employed person is paid by the employer or by some other person and whether under one or more employers and whether paid by time or by the piece or partly by time and partly by the piece or otherwise or except in the case of a contract of apprenticeship without any money payment shall (unless their employment is included in the employments specified in Part II of the First Schedule of the Principal Act as amended by any subsequent enactment) be insured against unemployment in manner hereby provided.

(2) The scheme shall not apply to any persons who come within any of the following classes :—

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(*a*) Persons who are ordinarily engaged whether under a single employer or under two or more employers partly in the Insurance Industry and partly outside that Industry in some occupation employment in which makes them employed persons within the meaning of the Act as amended by any subsequent enactment if such persons are ordinarily and mainly dependent for their livelihood on their earnings in the occupation outside the Insurance Industry.

(*b*) Persons employed by or under the Crown or under any local or other public authority.

(*c*) Persons in the employment of Insurance Committees established under the National Health Insurance Acts (Northern Ireland), 1911 to 1922.

BODY CHARGED WITH THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SCHEME.

3. The Board shall administer the Scheme in accordance with the provisions of the First Schedule to this Part of this Schedule.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

4. Every employer of any person to whom the Scheme applies (hereinafter referred to as "an insured person") shall be liable to pay contributions to the Board at the rates specified in Part I and in accordance with the rules set out in Part II of the following table :—

CONTRIBUTION TABLE.

PART I (RATES).

For each quarter of a year—		
in the case of male insured persons	..	ten shillings.
in the case of female insured persons	..	eight shillings.

PART II (RULES).

(1) A quarterly contribution shall be payable on the first day of January in each year in respect of each insured person in the employment of the employer at any time on that day without reference to the duration of the employment of such insured person and further quarterly contributions shall be payable on the first days of April, July and October in each year on a similar footing.

Provided that the Board may whenever they think fit direct that either the second or third day of January, April, July or October as the case may be, be substituted for the first day thereof for the purposes of this rule.

(2) Where an insured person is employed in the Insurance Industry by two or more employers on any day on which a quarterly contribution is due the quarterly contribution due on that day shall be payable by such employers in equal shares.

(3) Notwithstanding any contract to the contrary an employer shall not be entitled to deduct from the salary or wages of the insured person or otherwise to recover from the insured person the employer's contribution.

(4) Contributions shall not be payable in respect of any person who is in receipt of an Old Age Pension under the Old Age Pension Acts, 1908 to 1919.

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(5) Contributions shall be payable in respect of Insured Persons who hold certificates of Exemption under Section three of the Principal Act.

BENEFIT.

5. Subject to any regulations made by the Ministry under Section nineteen of the Principal Act every insured person who is unemployed shall be entitled to the benefits specified in Part I of the following table but subject to the fulfilment of the conditions mentioned in Part II thereof :—

BENEFIT TABLE.

PART I (BENEFITS).

A. RATES OF BENEFIT.

Benefit shall be payable in respect of each week of any continuous period of unemployment (after the first three days of unemployment) and shall be at the standard weekly rates following :—

in the case of a man (ordinary rate) ..	Twenty shillings.
in the case of (*a*) a married man whose wife is living with him or is being maintained wholly or mainly by him. (*b*) a widower or unmarried man who has residing with him any female person for the purpose of having the care of his dependent children and is maintaining that person. (*c*) a man who has and has had living with him as his wife any female person, and (*d*) a married man who is neither living with nor wholly or mainly maintaining his wife but who has residing with him a female relative for the purpose of having the care of his dependent children and is maintaining her (higher rate)	Twenty-five shillings.
in the case of a woman (ordinary rate) ..	Sixteen shillings.
in the case of a married woman who has a husband dependent on her (higher rate) ..	Twenty-one shillings.
in the case of a man or woman having a dependent child the weekly rate of benefit payable to him or her is to be increased in respect of each such child by	One shilling.
in the case of a boy under the age of eighteen years	Ten shillings.
in the case of a girl under the age of eighteen years	Eight shillings.
in the case of any person in receipt of a pension annuity or retiring allowance derived wholly or partly from the Insurance Industry or who within one year prior to the commencement of the period of unemployment under review has been the recipient on retirement of a lump sum wholly or partly so derived	

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(whether such pension, annuity, retiring allowance or lump sum is or has been paid in pursuance of a legal obligation or not) (reduced rate)	The rate stated to be applicable to such person less the excess in value in terms of an equivalent weekly payment as determined by the Board but subject to review by the Ministry (such review to be final and conclusive) of so much of the pension, annuity, retiring allowance or lump sum in question as is derived from the Insurance Industry over the weekly sum of five shillings.

SUPPLEMENTARY RULES.

(*a*) A man is not entitled to receive benefit at the higher rate in respect of a wife, female person or female relative who is (i) in receipt of Unemployment Benefit under the General Provisions of the Acts or (ii) in receipt of benefit under any special scheme or (iii) in regular wage-earning employment otherwise than as having the care of the dependent children of the person entitled to benefit or (iv) engaged in any occupation ordinarily carried on for profit (v) in receipt of an old-age pension under the Old Age Pension Acts, 1908 to 1919, or who (vi) if herself in receipt of benefit under this scheme would be entitled only to benefit at the reduced rate.

(*b*) In this Table the expression "child" includes a stepchild, an adopted child and an illegitimate child, the expression "a dependent child" means (i) any child under the age of fourteen years who is maintained wholly or mainly at the cost of the person entitled to benefit or (ii) any child between the ages of fourteen and sixteen who is under full time instruction in a day school and is so maintained as aforesaid and the expression "derived from the Insurance Industry" means either paid directly by any employer in the Insurance Industry or paid in respect of a consideration moving from any such employer either alone or together with his employees or any of them.

(*c*) A husband shall be deemed to be dependent on his wife if he is (*a*) prevented by physical or mental infirmity from supporting himself and (*b*) maintained wholly or mainly by her.

(*d*) No person shall receive benefit in respect of any period less than one day and where benefit is payable for a period of less than a week it shall be paid at a daily rate equal to one-sixth of the weekly rate applicable to the person receiving the benefit.

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(*e*) A person shall be deemed to be employed on any day on which he is following any occupation from which he derives any remuneration or profit unless (i) that occupation has ordinarily been followed by him in addition to his usual employment and outside the ordinary working hours of that employment and (ii) the remuneration received therefrom in respect of that day does not exceed three shillings and fourpence or where the remuneration is payable in respect of a period longer than a day the remuneration does not on the daily average exceed that amount.

(*f*) No holder of a Certificate of Exemption under Section three of the Principal Act shall receive benefit while such certificate is in force.

(*g*) There shall be deducted from any benefit payable to an insured person any sum which such person may be liable to repay to the Insurance Fund in respect of benefit received, unless that person shows that the sum was received by him in good faith and without knowledge that he was not entitled thereto, but without prejudice to any other remedy in respect of such sum and if any question arises whether any person is liable to have such a deduction made, it shall be decided by the Ministry.

B. Duration of Benefit.

1. Benefit shall be paid at the standard rates during periods of unemployment which in the aggregate do not exceed one-sixth of the period or the aggregate of the periods subsequent to the 8th November, 1920, during which the insured person has been employed in the Insurance Industry provided that :—

(i) Such benefit shall not be paid for more than twenty-six weeks during any continuous period of unemployment or any series of periods of unemployment liable to aggregation.

(ii) Any series of periods of unemployment in the intervals of which there is no period of continuous employment in the Insurance Industry of at least thirteen weeks shall be liable to aggregation.

(iii) As from the commencement of any period which is preceded by a period of not less than twenty-six weeks during which the insured person has received no benefit either at the standard rate or at the lesser rate hereinafter mentioned no account shall be taken in applying the two foregoing provisions to the case of such insured person of any benefit at the standard rate received by him prior to the date of such commencement.

(iv) A period of unemployment shall not be deemed to commence until the insured person has made application for benefit in the prescribed manner but the Board may where good cause is shown allow some earlier date to be substituted for the date of application.

(v) Any period subsequent to the seventeenth day of October, 1923 (but not any earlier period) during which any benefit has been received under the provisions of the Adapted Scheme as varied and amended by the provisions of the

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amending Schedules shall be treated as a period during which benefit has been received under the Scheme and

(vi) In the case of any person who has during any period or periods of employment been the holder of a certificate of Exemption under Section three of the Principal Act one-twelfth only of such period or periods shall be taken into account in lieu of one-sixth thereof.

2. Upon each occasion on which the benefit payable at the standard rates has been exhausted or suspended benefit may notwithstanding the foregoing provisions subsequently be paid at such fixed or varying proportion of the standard rate not exceeding one half thereof for such further period or periods not exceeding one year as the Board may in their discretion and either generally or in any particular case sanction.

3. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions if and so far as may be necessary in order to place insured persons or any class of them in a position not less favourable than that of persons insured under the general provisions of the Acts the Board may or if so required by the Ministry shall prescribe an extension of the period for which Benefit may be paid at the standard rate.

PART II.

(Conditions for the Receipt of Benefit).

An insured person in order to qualify for receipt of benefit under the Scheme must satisfy the following conditions :—

(1) He must since the 8th November, 1920, have been employed in the Insurance Industry in each of thirteen weeks.

(2) He must be (*a*) capable of and (*b*) available for work and (*c*) genuinely and constantly seeking but unable to obtain suitable employment. Provided that where it is held that an insured person does not satisfy this condition his application if renewed shall be reviewed from time to time at the expiration of periods of not less than six weeks

(3) He must make application for benefit in the prescribed manner.

(4) He must not have exhausted his right to benefit under the Scheme.

(5) His unemployment must not be due to participation in a trade dispute. Provided that it shall not be necessary to satisfy this condition after the stoppage of work caused by such trade dispute has ceased.

(6) He must not have lost his employment through misconduct or have voluntarily left his employment without just cause but this condition shall have effect only for six weeks or such less period as the Board may determine after the date of his losing or leaving his employment.

(7) He must not be an inmate of any prison or workhouse or other institution supported wholly or partly out of public funds.

(8) He must not be resident temporarily or permanently outside Northern Ireland.

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(9) He must not be in receipt of any sickness or disablement benefit or disablement allowance under the national Health Insurance Acts (Northern Ireland) 1911 to 1922.

(10) He must not be in receipt of an old age pension under the Old Age Pension Acts, 1908 to 1919.

RULES.

6.—(1) Rules shall be made by the Board—

(*a*) for providing for the delivery by employers of insured persons to such insured persons of certificates of employment in a prescribed form to be called "prescribed certificates."

(*b*) for providing for the rendering by employers of the returns of all matters necessary for determining the existence and extent of any claim to benefit under the scheme and requiring employers to answer enquiries relating to such matters.

(*c*) for prescribing the evidence to be furnished by claimants to benefit and for that purpose requiring their attendance at such offices or places and at such times as may be determined by the Board.

(2) Rules may be made by the Board—

(*a*) for providing for the transition from the provisions of the adapted Scheme as varied and amended by the provisions of the amending Schedules to those of the Scheme.

(*b*) for providing for the revision of the Contribution and Benefit Tables contained in the Scheme.

DETERMINATION OF CLAIMS.

7.—(1) Subject to the provisions of the Scheme all claims to benefit under the Scheme and all questions arising in connection with such claims shall be determined by the Board whose decision shall be final and conclusive and not subject to appeal to any Court, except in the cases where it is hereby provided that the final adjudication upon the matter at issue shall rest with the Umpire and in such cases the decision of the Umpire shall be final and conclusive and not subject to appeal to any court.

(2) The Umpire shall finally adjudicate in the following cases :

(*a*) in any case where the Board refers the matter at issue to him ;

(*b*) in any case where the Ministry being of opinion that some point of general importance is involved directs the matter to be so referred.

(*c*) in any case where the Board grants leave to appeal to an insured person desirous of appealing from a decision of the Board, and

(*d*) in any case where an association of workers of which an insured person is a member is desirous of appealing from a decision of the Board affecting such person.

(3) The Board and the Umpire may respectively refer to local referees for examination and report any matter to be decided by them or him under the Scheme ; such local referees being appointed in accordance with rules made by that Board.

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(4) The Board shall so far as is practicable give their decision upon any matter to be decided by them under the Scheme within fourteen days from the date on which such matter was submitted for decision.

(5) The Arbitration Act, 1889, shall not apply to proceedings under the Scheme, except so far as it may be applied by rules, under the Scheme.

FINANCIAL PROVISIONS.

8.—(1) All contributions payable under the Scheme and any moneys provided by the Parliament of Northern Ireland for the purposes of the Scheme and all other receipts of the Board shall be paid into the Insurance Fund and all payments authorised by the Scheme in respect of benefit the working expenses of the Scheme or otherwise shall be made out of the Insurance Fund.

(2) If the Minister of Labour for Great Britain shall with reference to any period direct that the working expenses of the Insurance Industry (Amended) Scheme during such period shall not be in excess of a sum which is a particular proportion of the aggregate of the sums which during the same period are payable into the insurance fund in respect of contributions by employers it shall not be lawful during such period to make any payment out of the insurance fund in respect of the working expenses of the Scheme which shall be in excess of a sum which is the same particular proportion of the aggregate of the sums which during the same period are payable into the insurance fund in respect of contributions by employers in respect of persons insured under the Scheme.

(3) Rules under the Scheme may provide for the payment out of the insurance fund as part of the working expenses of the Scheme of the travelling and other expenses (including loss of remunerative time) of any person attending the Board or appearing before the Umpire upon the consideration of any question which under the Scheme is to be determined by them or him.

(4) (*a*) The Board shall cause full and accurate accounts to be kept in such form as the Ministry shall approve of all moneys paid into and out of the insurance funds in repect of the Scheme and of the matters to which the receipts and expenditure relate and such accounts shall be audited by an auditor appointed by the Board and approved by the Ministry.

(*b*) The accounts of the Board shall show separately the respective amounts of contributions paid under the Scheme in respect of men, women, boys and girls respectively.

(*c*) The Board shall furnish accounts to the Ministry in such form and at such times as it may require.

(*d*) The Board shall comply with any directions from time to time given to them by the ministry as to the publication of the accounts of the Scheme and auditors' reports thereon.

(*e*) The Ministry may at any time direct such further or special examination of the accounts of the Scheme as it may think necessary.

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(5) (i) If at any time and from time to time before the fourth day of July, 1928, the insurance fund shall become insolvent the employers of all persons who at the time of the happening of any such insolvency or at any time previously are or have been insured under the provisions of the adapted Scheme or the Scheme shall be liable to make good to the insurance fund such a sum as will restore its solvency upon the basis of each of such employers contributing for that purpose rateably according to the aggregate amount of the contributions paid by him under the provisions of the adapted Scheme or the Scheme during the period which has elapsed in the case of a first insolvency between the fourth day of July, 1921, and such insolvency and in case of a subse quent insolvency between the date of the last preceding insolvency and such subsequent insolvency.

(ii) (*a*) The amount of the contribution due from each employer liable to contribute for the purpose of restoring the solvency of the insurance fund shall be determined by the Board and shall be paid by such employer to the Board at their principal office at such time as they may direct.

(*b*) An assessment made in the prescribed manner upon any employer liable to contribute as aforesaid shall be prima facie evidence that the sum assessed is due and owing from such employer.

(*c*) If any question arises as to the amount which any employer is liable to contribute in respect of the Scheme, such question shall be decided by the Minister of Labour for Great Britain with the consent of the Ministry.

(iii) If any question arises as to whether the insurance fund is solvent or insolvent or as to the amount required to restore its solvency or as to the date or dates on which the insurance fund has become insolvent such question shall be determined by the Minister of Labour for Great Britain, whose decision shall be final and conclusive.

(6) If at any time and from time to time after the fourth day of July, 1928, the insurance fund shall become insolvent or in the opinion of the Minister of Labour for Great Britain be in danger if insolvency its solvency shall be restored by a revision of the Contribution and Benefit Tables contained in the Scheme to be affected by rules made by the Board in such form as the Minister of Labour for Great Britain, with the consent of the Ministry, shall direct.

(7) No revision of the Contribution and Benefit Tables contained in the Scheme made under the provisions of this clause shall impose contributions on any insured person.

Determination of Scheme.

9.—(1) If at any time the Board shall for any reason with the consent of the Ministry pass a resolution for the winding upof the Scheme the affairs of the Scheme shall be wound up in such manner as the Ministry may direct and as soon as the affairs of the Scheme have been completely wound up the Ministry shall make an order that the Scheme be determined and the Scheme shall be determined accordingly.

(2) The Ministry may, if, in its opinion, circumstances so require provide by special order for the determination of the Scheme and any matters incidental thereto.

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INTERPRETATION, ETC.

10.—(1) For the purposes of the Scheme—

(*a*) The expression "the Principal Act" means the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1920, as adapted to Northern Ireland by the Government of Ireland (Adaptation of Unemployment Insurance Act) Order, 1922;

(*b*) The expression "the Acts" means the Unemployment Insurance Acts (Northern Ireland), 1920 to 1923;

(*c*) The expression "the Ministry" means the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland;

(*d*) The expression "the Umpire" means the Umpire for Northern Ireland appointed under the Acts;

(*e*) The expression "special order" has the same meaning as in the Principal Act;

(*f*) The expression "trade dispute" means any dispute between employers and employees or between employees and employees which is connected with the employment or non-employment or the terms of employment or the conditions of employment of any persons whether employees in the employment of the employer with whom the dispute arises or not;

(*g*) A person shall be deemed not to have attained the age of sixteen until the commencement of the sixteenth anniversary of the day of his birth and similarly with respect to other ages.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889, shall apply in the construction of the Scheme in like manner as it applies in the construction of Acts of Parliament.

THE FIRST SCHEDULE TO PART II.

1. The members for the time being of the Board shall be a body corporate by the name of the Insurance Unemployment Board, Incorporated and shall have perpetual succession and a common seal and may hold land for the purposes of their powers and duties without any licence in mortmain.

2. The common seal of the Board shall not be affixed to any instrument except by the authority of a resolution of the Board and in the presence of at least three members and of the Secretary or such other person as the Board may appoint for the purpose and the members present and the Secretary or other person as aforesaid shall sign every instrument to which the common seal is so affixed in their presence.

3. The powers and duties of the Board shall be:—

(*a*) To control and administer the affairs of the Scheme.

(*b*) To make provision for the working expenses of the Scheme.

(*c*) To prescribe standing orders governing the conduct of their business.

(*d*) To keep proper records of their proceedings.

(*e*) To appoint such officers and servants as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of the Scheme to prescribe their duties, and fix their remuneration.

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(*f*) To appoint such committees consisting of members of their own body as they may consider desirable and to delegate to such committees any powers and duties they may think fit.

(*g*) Subject to the approval of the Ministry to make rules for any of the purposes for which rules may be made under the Scheme for prescribing anything which is to be prescribed thereunder and generally for carrying the Scheme into effect.

4. Rules made by the Board under the Scheme shall if approved by the Ministry have effect as if enacted in the Scheme and may apply with or without modification any of the Regulations made by the Ministry under the general provisions of the Acts.

5. Impressions of the common seal of the Board shall be judicially noticed and admitted in evidence.

6. Prima facie evidence of any rule made by the Board under the Scheme and of the Ministry's approval thereof may be given by the production of a copy or copies of the rule and of the instrument or writing containing the Ministry's approval respectively purporting to be sealed with the common seal of the Board.

7. Such proportion of the yearly sum of One Thousand Pounds mentioned in paragraph 16 of the First Schedule to Part II of the Schedule to the Unemployment Insurance (Insurance Industry (Amended) Scheme) Special Order, 1923, as the Board with the approval of the Ministry may determine shall be deemed to be part of the working expenses of the Scheme.

8. The Board shall in exercising their powers and in carrying out their duties under the Scheme give effect to any general directions which from time to time may be given by the Ministry after consultation with the Board.

9. If the Ministry shall at any time be satisfied that it has become impracticable for the affairs of the Scheme to continue to be administered by the Board or that the affairs of the Scheme are being administered in a manner prejudicial to the interests of persons engaged in the insurance industry the Ministry may provide in such manner as they shall think fit for the temporary administration of the affairs of the Scheme, and may for that purpose empower any person or persons selected by the Ministry to exercise any of the powers or carry out any of the duties of the Board in so far as they relate to Northern Ireland.

Second Schedule to Part II.

(General Provisions of the Principal Act applied with Modifications).

Section 9

Every assignment of, or charge on, and every agreement to assign or charge any of the benefits conferred by the Scheme shall be void, and, on the bankruptcy of any person entitled to any such benefit, the benefit shall not pass to any trustee or other person acting on behalf of his creditors.

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If for the purpose of obtaining any benefit or payment under the Scheme, either for himself or for any other person or for the purpose of avoiding any payment to be made by himself under the Scheme, or enabling any other person to avoid any such payment, any person knowingly makes any false statement or false representation, he shall be liable on summary conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months, with or without hard labour. A Court of Summary Jurisdiction in Ireland shall have the same power as a Court of Summary Jurisdiction in England in the case of a person convicted for an offence under this sub-section of imposing a fine not exceeding twenty-five pounds instead of imprisonment if the Court is of opinion that the justice of the case would be better met by a fine than by imprisonment.

Section 22 (1) as amended by Section 11 of Unemployment Insurance Act (Northern Ireland) 1922.

If any employer has failed or neglected to pay any contributions which he is liable under the Scheme to pay, or if any employer or insured person or any other person refuses or neglects to comply with any of the requirements of the Scheme or the rules made thereunder, or if any employer deducts or attempts to deduct from the wages or other remuneration of an insured person the whole or any part of the employer's contribution, he shall, for each offence, be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding ten pounds.

Section 22 (2).

Where an employer has been convicted under the foregoing provisions of this section of the offence of failing or neglecting to pay any contribution under the Scheme, he shall be liable to pay to the insurance fund a sum equal to the amount which he has so failed or neglected to pay, and on such a conviction if notice of the intention to do so has been served with the summons or warrant, evidence may be given of the failure or neglect on the part of the employer to pay other contributions in respect of the same person during the year preceding the date when the information was so laid, and on proof of such failure or neglect the employer shall be liable to pay the insurance fund a sum equal to the total of all the contributions which he is so proved to have failed or neglected to pay.

Section 22 (3).

Any sum paid by an employer under the foregoing provision shall be treated as a payment in satisfaction of the unpaid contributions.

Every person who buys, sells, or offers for sale, takes or gives in exchange, or pawns or takes in pawn, any prescribed certificate shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding twenty pounds.

Section 22 (4)

If it is found at any time that a person has been in receipt of benefit under the Scheme whilst the conditions laid down by the Scheme for receipt of benefit were not fulfilled in his case, or whilst he was disqualified under the Scheme for receiving benefit, he shall be liable to repay to the insurance fund any sums paid to him in respect of benefit while the said conditions were not fulfilled, or while he was disqualified for receiving the benefit.

Section 22 (5)

Nothing in this Section shall be construed as preventing the recovery of any sum due to the insurance fund by means of civil proceedings and any such sum shall be a debt due to the Board and without prejudice to any other remedy recoverable summarily as a civil debt.

Section 22 (6).

In any proceedings under this section or in any proceedings involving any question as to the payment of contributions under the

Section 22 (7)

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Scheme or for the recovery of any sums due to the insurance fund the decision of the Ministry on any question whether a person is or was an employed person within the meaning of this Act or not, or any question whether a person is or was a person to whom the Scheme applies or not shall, unless an appeal against the decision is pending, or the time for appealing against the decision has not expired, be conclusive for the purpose of those proceedings, and if such a decision has not been obtained and the decision of the question is necessary for the determination of the proceedings the question shall be referred to the Minister for decision in accordance with the provisions of this Act, and where any such appeal is pending, or the time for so appealing has not expired or any question has been so referred to the Ministry the court dealing with the case shall adjourn the proceedings until such time as a final decision on the question has been obtained.

Section 23 (1). Proceedings for an offence under the Scheme shall not be instituted except by or with the consent of the Ministry or by an inspector or other officer of the Board authorised in that behalf by the Board.

Section 23 (2). Notwithstanding any provision in any Act prescribing the period within which summary proceedings may be commenced, proceedings for an offence under the Scheme may be commenced at any time within three months from the date on which evidence, sufficient in the opinion of the Board to justify a prosecution for the offence, comes to their knowledge, or within six months after the commission of the offence, whichever period is the longer.

For the purposes of the foregoing provision, a certificate purporting to be signed on behalf of the Board, as to the date on which such evidence as aforesaid came to their knowledge shall be conclusive evidence thereof.

Section 26 (1). There shall be included among the debts which, under Section two hundred and nine of the Companies (Consolidation) Act, 1908, are, in the distribution of the assets of a company being wound up to be paid in priority to all other debts, all contributions payable under the Scheme by the company in respect of insured persons during the four months before the commencement of the winding-up or the winding-up order, and that Act shall have effect accordingly, and formal proof of the debts to which priority is given under this Section shall not be required except in cases where it may otherwise be provided by rules made under that Act.

Section 26 (3). This Section shall not apply where a company is wound up voluntarily merely for the purposes of reconstruction or of amalgamation with another company.

Section 26 (5). There shall be included among the debts which, under Section four of the Preferential Payments in Bankruptcy (Ireland) Act, 1889, are, in the distribution of the property of a bankrupt or arranging debtor, to be paid in priority to all other debts, all contributions payable under this Act by the bankrupt or arranging debtor in respect of employed persons during the four months before the date of the order of adjudication in the case of a bankrupt or the filing of the petition for arrangement in the case of an arranging debtor, and that Act shall have effect accordingly, and formal proof of the debts to which priority

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is given under this subsection shall not be required except in cases where it may otherwise be provided by general orders made under the said Act.

Section 28 (1).

The rules made under the Scheme shall provide for the return to employers of any contributions paid by them under the erroneous belief that the contributions were payable under the Scheme in respect of any person.

Provided that no return of contributions shall be made under this provision except on an application made in the prescribed manner and within the prescribed period, not being less than one year from the date on which the contributions were paid.

Section 29 (1).

An inspector appointed under the Scheme shall, for the purposes of the execution of the Scheme, have power to do all or any of the following things, namely :—

(*a*) To enter at all reasonable times any premises or place other than a private dwelling-house not being a workshop, where he has reasonable grounds for supposing that any insured persons are employed ;

(*b*) To make such examination and inquiry as may be necessary for ascertaining whether the provisions of the Scheme are complied with in any such premises or place ;

(*c*) To examine, either alone or in the presence of any other person, as he thinks fit, with respect to any matters under the Scheme, every person whom he finds in any such premises or place, or whom he has reasonable cause to believe to be or to have been an insured person, and to require every such person to be so examined, and to sign a declaration of the truth of the matters in respect of which he is so examined ;

(*d*) To exercise such other powers as may be necessary for carrying the Scheme into effect.

(2) The occupier of any such premises or place and any other person employing any insured person, and the servants and agents of any occupier or other person, and any insured person shall furnish to any inspector all such information and shall produce for inspection all such registers, books, cards, wages sheets, records of wages, and other documents as the inspector may reasonably require.

(3) If any person wilfully delays or obstructs an inspector in the exercise of any power under this Section or fails to give such information or to produce such documents as aforesaid, or conceals or prevents or attempts to conceal or prevent any person from appearing before or being examined by an inspector, he shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding five pounds :

Provided that no one shall be required under this Section to answer any question or give any evidence tending to incriminate himself.

(4) Where any such premises or place are liable to be inspected by inspectors or other officers employed by, or are under the control of, some Government Department, the Board may make arrangements with that Government Department, for any of the powers and duties of inspectors under this section being carried out by inspectors or other officers of such Government Department and where such an

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arrangement is made, such inspectors and officers shall have all the powers of an inspector under this Section.

Every inspector shall be furnished with the prescribed certificate of his appointment, and on applying for admission to any Premises or place for the purposes of the Scheme, shall, if so required, produce the said certificate to the occupier.

Section 30.

Where any person to whom an advance on account of the expenses of travelling to a place where employment has been found for him has been made under subsection (1) of section two of the Labour Exchanges Act, 1909, is an insured person who would in the opinion of the Board be entitled to receive or to continue to receive benefit under the Scheme if he became or remained unemployed, the Board may repay out of the insurance fund to the fund out of which the advance was made such part of the advance as may with the consent of the Ministry be prescribed, but if the person to whom the advance was made fails without reasonable excuse to enter on the employment found for him the sum so repaid out of the insurance fund may be recovered from him or deducted from any benefit which may thereafter become payable to him, and if so recovered shall be paid into the insurance fund.

Section 32.

Where, for the purposes of the Scheme, the age, marriage, or death of any person is required to be proved by the production of a certificate of birth, marriage or death, any person shall, on presenting a written requisition in such form and containing such particulars as may be from time to time prescribed by the Registrar-General for Northern Ireland, and, on payment of a fee in the case of a birth certificate of sixpence and in the case of a marriage or death certificate of one shilling, be entitled to obtain a certified copy of the entry of the birth, marriage or death, as the case may be, of that person in the register of births, marriages, or deaths, as the case may be, under the hand of the registrar or other person having the custody thereof, and forms for such requisition shall on request be supplied without any charge by every registrar of births and deaths, and by every registrar or other person having the custody of the register.

Insurance Industry Special Scheme (Grant).

MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1920 TO 1923.

1923. No. 56.

WHEREAS by the Unemployment Insurance (Insurance Industry Special Scheme) Order, 1921, the Insurance Industry Unemployment Scheme (hereinafter referred to as "the Scheme") was approved by the Minister of Labour for the United Kingdom; AND WHEREAS by the Government of Ireland (Adaptation of Unemploy-

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ment Insurance Acts) Order, 1922, the Scheme was continued in force in Northern Ireland as from the first day of January, nineteen hundred and twenty-two; AND WHEREAS the Incorporated Insurance Industry Unemployment Insurance Board (hereinafter referred to as the Joint Board) is the body charged with the administration of the Scheme:

AND WHEREAS by sub-section (7) of Section 18 of the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1920 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act"), the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland (hereinafter referred to as "the Ministry") is empowered by Regulations made by it with the consent of the Ministry of Finance to determine the sum to be paid to the Joint Board in every year out of monies provided by the Parliament of Northern Ireland, and to prescribe the conditions upon which such payments can be made:

NOW THEREFORE the Ministry, by virtue of the powers hereinbefore recited and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby with the consent of the Ministry of Finance makes the following Regulations:—

1. While the scheme is in force the sum to be paid under the said sub-section (7) of section 18 of the Act out of monies provided by the Parliament of Northern Ireland to the Joint Board shall in every insurance year be whichever of the two following amounts is in that insurance year the less, that is to say:—

(a) an amount equal to one-fourth of the amount received by the Joint Board by way of contributions in respect of persons employed in Northern Ireland properly paid during the insurance year in question under the provisions of the Scheme; or,

(b) an amount equal to three-tenths of the amount which would, if the Scheme had not been in force and if the rates of contributions set out in the Third Schedule to the Act as originally enacted had been in operation, have been paid by way of contributions under the general provisions of the Act out of monies provided by the Parliament of Northern Ireland in respect of the persons employed in Northern Ireland to whom the Scheme applies.

2. These Regulations may be cited as the Unemployment Insurance (Insurance Industry Special Scheme) (Grant) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1923, and shall be deemed to have come into operation on the first day of January, 1922.

Given under the Official Seal of the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland this 5th day of November, 1923.

(L.S.) (Signed) *H. Conacher,*
Asst. Secty. to the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland.

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Repayment and Return of Contributions (Amendment).

MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1920 TO 1923.

1923. No. 63.

WHEREAS the Unemployment Insurance (Repayment and Return of Contributions) Regulations, 1920 (hereinafter referred to as the "Principal Regulations") made provision for the return, under Section 28 of the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1920, of contributions paid in error;

AND WHEREAS by the Government of Ireland (Adaptation of Unemployment Insurance Acts) Order, 1922, these Regulations were continued in force in Northern Ireland as from the first day of January, nineteen hundred and twenty-two;

AND WHEREAS Sub-Section (1) of Section twenty-eight of the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1920, has been amended by Section 10 of the Unemployment Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1923;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland, by virtue of the powers conferred on it by the Unemployment Insurance Acts (Northern Ireland), 1920 to 1923, and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, makes the following Regulations for amending the Principal Regulations.

1. Regulation 4 of the Unemployment Insurance (Repayment and Return of Contributions) Regulations, 1920, shall have effect in Northern Ireland as if for the words

"Provided that in calculating the amount of any repayment to "be made to a person under this Regulation there shall be "deducted the amount (if any) paid to that person by way of "Unemployment Benefit in respect of or by reason of these "contributions,"

there were substituted the words

"Provided that in calculating the amount of any repayment to "be made in Northern Ireland to a person under this Regulation "there shall be deducted from the total of those contributions "any amount paid to that person in respect of Unemployment "Benefit to which he would not have been entitled if his employ-"ment had not been erroneously treated as insurable under the "general provisions of the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1920."

This Regulation shall be deemed to have come into operation on the 30th day of May, 1923.

2. Regulation 5 of the Unemployment Insurance (Repayment and Return of Contributions) Regulations, 1920, shall cease to have

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effect in Northern Ireland, and the following provision shall have effect in lieu thereof :—

"(5) Application for the return of any contribution paid in "respect of any person under the erroneous belief that the "contributions were payable in respect of him shall be made "within three years from the date on which that contribution "was paid and shall be made in such form as the Ministry may "direct."

3. Where before the coming into force of these Regulations application has been made under the Principal Regulations for the return of any contributions so paid as aforesaid, any subsequent application for the return of those contributions made on or before the 30th day of April, 1924, in such form as the Ministry may direct or may in any particular case accept, shall be deemed to have been made on the date of the commencement of these Regulations.

4. Where by these Regulations any Regulations or words are directed to be substituted for any other Regulations or words in the Principal Regulations, copies of the Principal Regulations printed under the authority of the officer appointed to print the Acts of the Parliament of Northern Ireland after these Regulations come into force may be printed with the Regulations or words substituted as these Regulations require, and with the Regulations and paragraphs thereafter numbered in accordance with such direction ; and the Principal Regulations shall be construed as if they had at the time at which these Regulations come into force been made with such additions or omissions.

5. These Regulations may be cited as the Unemployment Insurance (Repayment and Return of Contributions) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1923, and shall (except as herein otherwise provided) come into force on the date hereof.

Given under the Official Seal of the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland, this Twentieth day of December, nineteen hundred and twenty-three.

(Signed) *H. Conacher,*

(L.S.) Asst. Secretary to the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Verification and Inspection.

ORDER MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS DATED 22ND MAY, 1923, AS TO INSPECTION OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES AND APPLICATION OF FEES THEREFOR.

1923. No. 74.

Whereas, by sub-section (1) of Section 1 of the Weights and Measures Act (Northern Ireland), 1923 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act"), it is enacted as follows :—

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"The Ministry of Home Affairs may, after consultation with the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Commerce, by Order provide that during the continuance of this Act in force, but no longer, the powers and duties in connection with the verification and inspection of Weights and Measures which under the Constabulary Act (Northern Ireland), 1922, are to be exercised and performed by members of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, may also, to such extent or in such areas as may be prescribed, be exercised and performed by persons appointed in the prescribed manner and having the prescribed qualifications."

And by said sub-section it is further enacted that, subject to the approval of the Ministry of Finance, provision may be made by the Order with respect to the manner in which fees taken by those persons as Inspectors of Weights and Measuers are to be applied.

Now, therefore, the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland, in exercise of all powers in that behalf enabling the Ministry and after consultation with the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland and the Ministry of Commerce for Northern Ireland, hereby Orders and directs as follows, that is to say :—

During the continuance of the Act in force but no longer, the powers and duties in connection with the verification and inspection of Weights and Measures which under the Constabulary Act (Northern Ireland), 1922, are to be exercised and performed by members of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, may also in their entirety and in any Petty Sessions District or Districts in Northern Ireland be exercised and performed by such persons having the qualifications prescribed by Section 8 of the Weights and Measures Act, 1904, as the Minister of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland may appoint to be Inspector of Weights and Measures and to perform the duties of Inspector of Weights and Measures within such District or Districts.

And the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland also orders and directs with the approval of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland that all fees taken by the persons appointed in pursuance of and under this Order as Inspectors of Weights and Measures shall be applied in relief of the costs, charges and expenses of the Royal Ulster Constabulary Vote.

This Order shall have effect as from the 1st day of February, 1923.

Given under the Seal of the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland this Twenty-second day of May, Nineteen Hundred and Twenty-three.

S. Watt.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION.

Industrial Diseases.

MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR UNDER SECTION 8 OF THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT, 1906 (6 EDW. 7, C. 58), AND PURSUANT TO THE GENERAL ADAPTATION OF ENACTMENTS (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER, 1921.

1923. No. 5.

In pursuance of the power conferred by section 8, sub-section 6, of the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1906, and by the General Adapta-

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tion of Enactments (Northern Ireland) Order, 1921, the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland hereby makes the following Order :—

Paragraph (2) of the Order made by the Secretary of State on the 26th February, 1918, *under the above section, shall be amended to read as follows :—

> (2) A person suffering from any of the diseases described in the Schedule as dermatitis produced by dust or liquids, ulceration of the skin produced by dust or liquids, and ulceration of the mucous membrane of the nose or mouth produced by dust, shall not be entitled to compensation under the provisions of the said section on account of the said disease if he is disabled only for employment in the particular process in which the disease has been contracted or other processes involving risk of the said disease, unless the judge, committee or arbitrator is satisfied that the disease has been contracted through long continued exposure to dust or liquids in the industry in which he was engaged at the time of his disablement.

This Order may be cited as the Workmen's Compensation (Dermatitis) (Northern Ireland), Order, 1923, and shall come into force on 1st March, 1923.

J. A. Dale,
Secretary,
Ministry of Labour,
Northern Ireland.

7, Upper Queen Street,
Belfast,
8th February, 1923.

* S. R. & O. 1918, No 287

Medical Referees' Remuneration.

MADE BY THE MINISTRIES OF LABOUR AND FINANCE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER SECTIONS 8 AND 10 RESPECTIVELY OF THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT, 1906 (6 EDW. 7, C. 58), AND PURSUANT TO THE GENERAL ADAPTATION OF ENACTMENTS (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER, 1921, AMENDING THE REGULATIONS DATED 29TH JUNE, 1907, MADE BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND THE TREASURY AS TO THE DUTIES AND FEES OF CERTIFYING AND OTHER SURGEONS AND AS TO REFERENCES TO AND REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES OF MEDICAL REFEREES IN IRELAND, IN SO FAR AS THE SAID REGULATIONS APPLY TO NORTHERN IRELAND.

1923. No. 9.

In pursuance of powers conferred by Section 8, Sub-Section 1 (f) and Section 10, Sub-Section 1 of the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1906, and by the General Adaptation of Enactments (Northern Ireland) Order, 1921, the Ministry of Labour and the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland hereby make the following Regulation :—

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Form 15 in the Schedule to the Regulations of the Secretary of State dated 29th June, 1907, (S.R. and O. 1907, No. 514) as to references to and remuneration and expenses of Medical Referees in Ireland is hereby annulled in its application to Northern Ireland and the forms in the Schedule hereto shall stand in lieu thereof.

This Regulation shall come into force on 1st April, 1923.

Given under the seals of the said Ministries this twenty-second day of February, 1923.

(L.S.) *H. Conacher,*
Assistant Secretary, Ministry of Labour, Northern Ireland.

(L.S.) *G. C. Duggan,*
Assistant Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Northern Ireland.

SCHEDULE.

FORM 15 (i).

Workmen's Compensation Act, 1906.

DECISION OF MEDICAL REFEREE UNDER SECTION 8 (1) (f) DISMISSING AN APPEAL AGAINST THE ACTION OF THE CERTIFYING OR OTHER SURGEON IN GIVING OR REFUSING A CERTIFICATE OF DISABLEMENT.

(*Heading as in the application for the Reference*).

I hereby give you notice that having duly inquired into the above-mentioned matter in accordance with the regulations of the Secretary of State and of the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland, I decide as follows :

I dismiss the appeal of (*name of employer*) against the certificate of disablement given to (*name of workman*) on the day of

or

I dismiss the appeal of (*name of workman*) against the refusal of (*name of surgeon*) to give him a certificate of disablement in respect of (*name of disease*).

Dated this day of

(Signed)

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MEDICAL REFEREE.

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FORM 15 (ii).

Workmen's Compensation Act, 1906.

DECISION OF MEDICAL REFEREE UNDER SECTION 8 (1) (f) ALLOWING AN APPEAL AGAINST THE ACTION OF THE CERTIFYING OR OTHER SURGEON IN GIVING OR REFUSING A CERTIFICATE OF DISABLEMENT.

(*Heading as in the application for the Reference*).

I hereby give you notice that having duly inquired into the above-mentioned matter in accordance with the regulations of the Secretary of State and of the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland, I decide as follows :—

I find that the said (*name of workman*) was not, at the time of his examination by the Certifying Surgeon, suffering from (*name of disease*).

or

I find that the said (*name of workman*) was, at the time of his examination by the Certifying Surgeon, suffering from (*name of disease*), but that he was not thereby disabled from earning full wages at the work at which he was employed,

or

I find that the said (*name of workman*) was, at the time of his examination by the Certifying Surgeon, suffering from (*name of disease*), and was thereby disabled from earning full wages at the work at which he was employed. And I fix the day of as the date on which the disablement from the said disease commenced.

Dated this day of

(Signed)

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MEDICAL REFEREE.

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FORM 15 (iii).

Workmen's Compensation Act, 1906.

DECISION OF MEDICAL REFEREE UNDER SECTION 8 (1) (f) DISMISSING OR ALLOWING AN APPEAL AGAINST THE ACTION OF THE CERTIFYING OR OTHER SURGEON IN SUSPENDING OR REFUSING TO SUSPEND THE WORKMAN.

(*Heading as in the application for the Reference*).

I hereby give you notice that having duly inquired into the above-mentioned matter in accordance with the regulations of the Secretary of State and of the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland, I decide as follows :—

I dismiss (*or allow*) the appeal of (*name of employer*) against the suspension of (*name of workman*) on the day of

or

I dismiss (*or allow*) the appeal of (*name of workman*) against the refusal of (*name of surgeon*) to suspend him on the day of

Dated this day of

(Signed)

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MEDICAL REFEREE.

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A LIST

OF

THE STATUTORY ORDERS OF A LOCAL CHARACTER,

ISSUED IN 1923

ARRANGED IN CLASSES.

HARBOURS, PORTS.

LIGHTING, POWER AND HEATING.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

PUBLIC HEALTH.

WATER SUPPLY.

HARBOUR AND PORT.

The Newry Port and Harbour (Temporary Increase of Charges) Order, 1923, dated 5th January, 1923, made by the Ministry of Commerce for Northern Ireland, under the Harbours, Docks and Piers (Temporary Increase of Charges) Act, 1920 (10 & 11 Geo. 5, c. 21) as continued by the Expiring Laws Act (Northern Ireland), 1922 (12 & 13 Geo. 5, c. 21).

S. R. & O. 1923. No. 2.

The Larne Harbour (Temporary Increase of Charges) Order, 1923, dated 12th February, 1923, made by the Ministry of Commerce for Northern Ireland under the Harbours, Docks and Piers (Temporary Increase of Charges) Act, 1920 (10 & 11 Geo. 5, c. 21), as continued by the Expiring Laws Act (Northern Ireland), 1922 (12 & 13 Geo. 5, c. 21).

S. R. & O. 1923. No. 8.

Larne Harbour (Temporary Increase of Charges) Interim Order, 1923.

S. R. & O. 1923. No. 28.

The Larne Harbour (Temporary Increase of Charges) (No. 2) Order, 1923, dated 30th November, 1923, made by the Ministry of Commerce for Northern Ireland under the Harbours, Docks and Piers (Temporary Increase of Charges) Act, 1920 (10 & 11 Geo. 5, c. 21), as continued by the Expiring Laws Continuance Act (Northern Ireland), 1923.

S. R. & O. 1923. No. 60.

LIGHTING, POWER AND HEATING.

Order of the Ministry of Home Affairs dated 10th March, 1923, altering the Bangor (County Down) Water and Improvement Act, 1905, by substituting in subsection (4) of Section 102 of the Act the words "thirty-one thousand pounds" for the words "seven thousand pounds." Bangor Gas Order, 1923.

S. R. & O. 1923. No. 75.

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Electricity.

Order, dated 9th Jany., 1923, made by the Electricity Commissioner for Northern Ireland under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1919, and confirmed by the Ministry of Commerce, under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919, in respect of the Townlands of Dunmurry, Kilmakee, Killeaton, and Oldforge, in the County of Antrim.

S. R. & O. 1923. No. 25.

Order, dated 27th Oct., 1923, made by the Electricity Commissioners for Northern Ireland under the Electricity (Supply) Acts, 1882 to 1919, in respect of the Townlands of Coolmillish, Edenykennedy, Crunaght and Gosford Demesne, in the Rural District of Armagh, in the County of Armagh.

S. R. & O. 1923. No. 55.

Gas.

The Enniskillen Gas (Temporary Increase of Charges) Order. 1923, dated October 22nd, 1923, made by the Ministry of Commerce for Northern Ireland under the Statutory Undertakings (Temporary Increase of Charges) Act, 1918 (8 & 9 Geo. 5, c. 34), as continued by the Expiring Laws Act (Northern Ireland), 1922 (12 & 13 Geo. 5, c. 21).

S. R. & O. 1923. No. 45.

Gas Charges.

The Londonderry Gas (Charges) Order, 1923, dated 5th January, 1923, made by the Ministry of Commerce under Section 1 of the Gas Regulation Act, 1920 (10 & 11 Geo. 5, c. 28).

S. R. & O. 1923. No. 1.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

Order of the Ministry of Home Affairs dated 29th January, 1923, revoking two Orders of the Local Government Board constituting the Union of Crossmaglen.

S. R. & O. 1923. No. 100.

Order of the Ministry of Home Affairs, dated 7th March, 1923, The Belfast Corporation Tramways (Temporary Increase of Charges) Order, 1923.

S. R. & O. 1923. No. 101.

Order of the Ministry of Home Affairs, dated 5th May, 1923, authorising the Lisburn R. D. C. to acquire, lay-out, plant, improve and maintain a recreation ground at Dunmurry, Co. Antrim.

S. R. & O. 1923. No. 76.

Order of the Ministry of Home Affairs, dated 24th October, 1923, authorising the Lisburn R. D. C. to acquire, lay-out, plant, improve and maintain a recreation ground at Dunmurry, Co. Antrim.

S. R. & O. 1923. No. 77.

Election Orders.

Order made by the Ministry of Home Affairs, dated 15th January, 1923, prescribing the Scale of Expenses for the Election of Aldermen and Councillors in the Borough of Belfast.

S. R. & O. 1923. No. 78.

Order made by the Ministry of Home Affairs, dated 8th January, 1923, prescribing Scale of Expenses for Election of Urban District Councillors and Town Commissioners in the County of Fermanagh.

S. R. & O. 1923. No. 79.

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Order made by the Ministry of Home Affairs, dated 8th January, 1923, prescribing Scale of Expenses for Election of Urban District Councillors and Town Commissioners in the County of Armagh.

S. R. & O. 1923. No. 80.

Order made by the Ministry of Home Affairs, dated 23rd March, 1923, prescribing Scale of Expenses for Election of Urban District Councillors and Town Commissioners in the County of Antrim.

S. R. & O. 1923. No. 81.

Order made by the Ministry of Home Affairs, dated 18th April, 1923, revoking previous Order, dated 9th November, 1922, applying to the Urban District of Newcastle the previous enactments with respect to the election and retirement in rotation of Urban District Councillors.

S. R. & O. 1923. No. 102.

Order made by the Ministry of Home Affairs, dated 12th April, 1923, prescribing Scale of Expenses for Election of Urban District Councillors and Town Commissioners in the County of Londonderry.

S. R. & O. 1923. No. 82.

Order made by the Ministry of Home Affairs, dated 19th June, 1923, assigning two Rural Councillors to the town of Downpatrick in Downpatrick Rural District.

S. R. & O. 1923. No. 83.

Order made by the Ministry of Home Affairs, dated 27th September, 1923, altering polling districts in the County Tyrone.

S. R. & O. 1923. No. 84.

Orders made by the Ministry of Home Affairs on the respective dates set out in the first column reconstituting District Electoral Divisions in the Rural Districts named in the Second Column.

S. R. & O. 1923. No.	Date.	Rural District.
106	17th May, 1923	Belfast.
107	,,	Castlereagh.
108	,,	Clogher.
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S. R. & O. 1923. No. 85.

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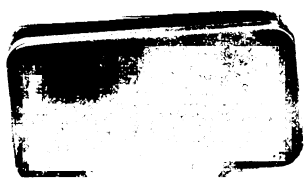

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